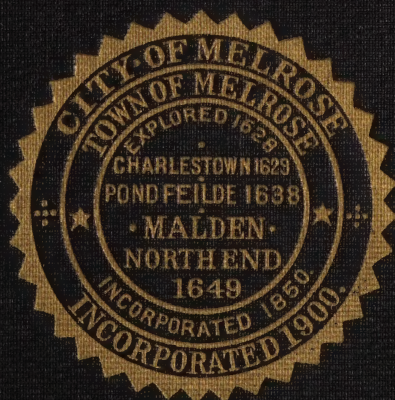


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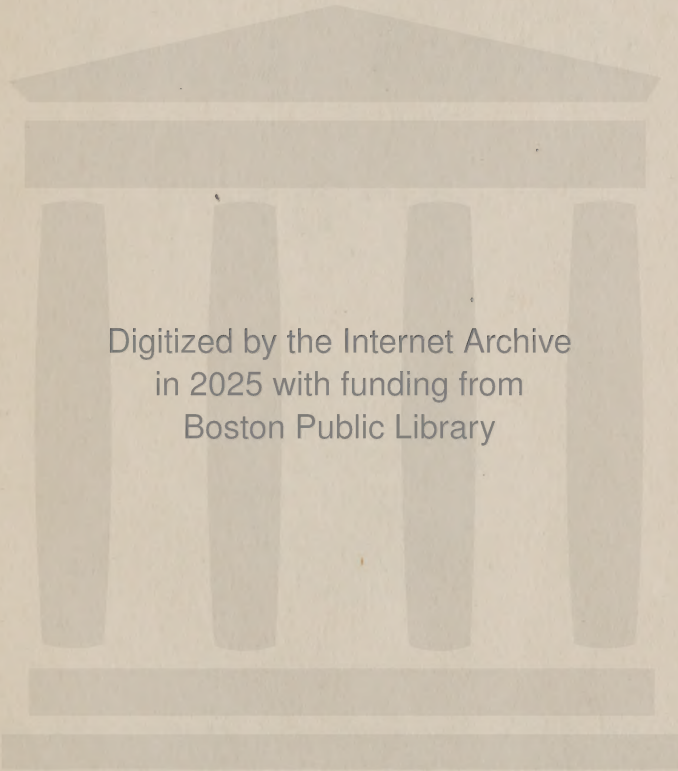
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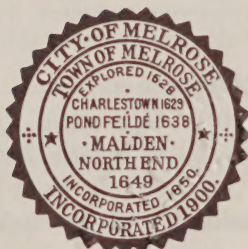
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GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MELROSE

Mayor

LAWRENCE W. LLOYD
169 Laurel Street

President of the Board of Aldermen

RAYMOND E. CAMPBELL
75 Sheffield Road

City Clerk

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW
5 Taylor Street

Aldermen-at-Large

Walter W. Bruce, 260 W. Wyoming Avenue
Robert S. Clark, 45 Whitman Avenue
Allen B. Copeland, 69 East Street
Ronald H. Winde, 52 Wentworth Road

Ward Aldermen

1. Frank T. Johanson, 96 Perkins Street (died May 25, 1955)
1. Frank B. McLaughlin, 15 Stevens Road
2. J. Henry Otis, 37 Lovell Road
3. Burt A. Macy, 50 Youle Street
4. Raymond E. Campbell, 75 Sheffield Road
5. Richard H. McIntosh, 86 Derby Road
6. John A. Lavender, Jr., 45 E. Foster Street
7. Philip L. Wadland, 97 Whitman Avenue

STANDING COMMITTEES
of the
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
1955

Appropriations

Alderman Allen B. Copeland, Chairman;
Aldermen John A. Lavender, Jr. and
Philip L. Wadland, Vice Chairmen;
Alderman Walter W. Bruce, Assistant Chairman;
Aldermen Winde, Clark, Macy, McIntosh,
Otis, Johanson (McLaughlin)

Aldermen Bruce, Johanson (McLaughlin) and Macy
are designated as special sub-committee of the Com-
mittee on Appropriations to act as liaison group with
the Personnel Board.

Education, Health and Public Welfare

Alderman Ronald H. Winde, Chairman;
Aldermen Macy, McIntosh, Wadland, Copeland

Finance

Alderman Frank T. Johanson (Frank B. McLaughlin),
Chairman; Aldermen Clark, Bruce, Otis, Lavender

Highways

Alderman J. Henry Otis, Chairman; Aldermen
Lavender, Bruce, Clark, Johanson (McLaughlin)

Legal and Legislative Matters

Alderman Robert S. Clark, Chairman; Aldermen
Otis, Johanson (McLaughlin), Lavender, Bruce

Protection and License

Alderman Burt A. Macy, Chairman;
Aldermen Winde, Copeland, Wadland, McIntosh

Public Service

Alderman Richard H. McIntosh, Chairman;
Aldermen Wadland, Winde, Copeland, Macy

Clerk of Committees

Stanley G. Bunker

275 Upham Street

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOURS

Acting under the authority of Section one hundred and ten A of Chapter forty-one of the General Laws, inserted therein by Chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the Acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the offices hereinafter named shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays:

The offices of the city clerk, city collector, engineer and superintendent of public works, board of assessors, board of health, board of public welfare, city treasurer, city auditor, building commissioner and veterans' services.

Except during the months of July and August and on legal holidays, the aforesaid offices shall be open on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. and on all other Monday evenings from 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. (Revised Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 56, as amended).

CITY OFFICERS

BOARD OF APPEAL

S. Francis Kimberley, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Harry Brettell	Term expires 1956
Melvin R. Jenney	Term expires 1957
W. Jarvis Lowe	Term expires 1957
E. Franklin Reed	Term expires 1959
Edwin H. King, Clerk	

ASSESSORS

Henry L. Restall, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Lewis C. Hennigar	Term expires 1958
Norman D. MacDonald	Term expires 1957
Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Executive Secretary and Director of Assessments	

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Commissioner

Malcolm G. Fillmore

Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Everett G. Dow

William J. McClintock, Chairman
Joseph Casey Arthur D. King
Howard O. Milton, Superintendent

FENCE VIEWERS

Clyde O. Bailey

Arthur L. Marr

Robert R. Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Sidney C. Field

Deputy Chief

Office Vacant

Fire Warden

Sidney C. Field

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

Dr. Oakly R. Jones, Chairman Term expires 1957

Lawrence E. Simpson Term expires 1958

Paul E. Troy Term expires 1956

Helen F. Adams, Agent

Sanitary Inspector

John J. Devine

School Physicians

Dr. John S. Graf

Dr. Thomas M. Hearne

Dr. George R. Murphy

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

Cornelius Thibeault, D. V. S.

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Fred A. Edwards (died Jan. 24, 1955)

Stanley A. Riggs (Acting)

MAYOR'S SECRETARY

Blanche E. Nickerson

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL BUILDING

Dr. Harold L. Margeson, Chairman Term expires 1956

Robert T. Boynton Term expires 1958

Leslie B. Ellis Term expires 1957

Orlando W. Foss Term expires 1957

Louis K. McNally Term expires 1958

Blanche E. Nickerson, Secretary

PARK COMMISSION

Harold W. Poole, Chairman	Term expires 1956
John T. Brady	Term expires 1960
Edgar A. Perry	Term expires 1957
Kenneth G. Swindell	Term expires 1959
Benjamin R. Vaughan	Term expires 1958
Francis J. Meehan, Superintendent	

PERSONNEL BOARD

Nicholas P. Flynn, Chairman	Term expires 1956
John F. McHale	Term expires 1957
Frederick S. Nichols	Term expires 1958
Horace H. Feltham	Term expires 1957
Harold F. Watts	Term expires 1956

TRUSTEES OF PINE BANKS PARK

Parker Converse, President
Eaton H. Perkins, Vice-President
Charles H. Gilmore, Secretary
Robert A. Hodgdon, Treasurer
Fred Lamson (Mayor of Malden)
Lawrence W. Lloyd (Mayor of Melrose)
Dana F. Batting
George W. Cray, Superintendent

PLANNING BOARD

John E. Buddington, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Merion E. Hartzell, Secretary	Term expires 1958
William L. Bailey	Term expires 1958
Philip E. Brown	Term expires 1960
Herbert R. Corey	Term expires 1957
Zilpha C. Huntress	Term expires 1959
Kenneth L. Maclachlan	Term expires 1956
Jay J. Martin, Jr.	Term expires 1960
Mary D. Whitney	Holdover

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain-in-Charge
George D. MacWilliams

Lieutenant
Robert A. Lloyd

Keeper of the Lock-up
George D. MacWilliams

PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

S. Homer Buttrick, Chairman
Malcolm G. Fillmore, Clerk
Henry L. Restall

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Edwin W. Lundquist, Chairman	Term expires 1956
William L. Carney	Term expires 1958
Herbert L. Hammond	Term expires 1957
Elisabeth M. Perkins	Term expires 1958
Elinor H. Tibbetts	Term expires 1956
Helen Anderson, Librarian	

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Roy M. Cushman, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Vivian B. Adams	Term expires 1957
Gertrude M. Curtin	Term expires 1958
John W. Huse	Term expires 1956
William J. Neely	Term expires 1957
Mary J. Melville, Agent	

RECREATION COMMISSION

John T. Brady, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Herbert R. Corey	Term expires 1957
J. Arthur Johnson	Term expires 1956
Lewis H. Keith	Term expires 1956
John M. Kirk	Term expires 1958
Margaret B. Restall	Term expires 1958
Howard R. True	Term expires 1957
Charles V. Tousley, Director	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Board Members

Fergus W. Griffin, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk	Ex-officio
Charles E. Holt	Term expires 1957
Edward J. Murphy	Term expires 1956

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Elizabeth N. Bailot	George W. Jepson, Jr.
Katherine D. Boynton	Mary A. McHatton
Helen D. Brackett	Grace F. Mitchell
Margaret F. Brennan	Frances M. O'Connell
Annette G. Carr	Helen P. Sykes
Mary H. Condell	Augustine J. Twomey
Helena E. Dolaher	Gertrude E. White
Helen L. Duke	Mary R. Winslow

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Committee Members

Lloyd E. Conn, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Howard R. True, Cor. Sec'y	Term expires 1958
Wilbur H. Burnham, Jr.	Term expires 1956
Ralph W. Daffinee	Term expires 1956
Herbert N. Faulkner	Term expires 1956
Robert A. Friend	Term expires 1958
Allen L. Giles	Term expires 1956
Dorothy L. Grant	Term expires 1958
Donald A. Welch	Term expires 1958

Superintendent of Schools

Harold T. Rand

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Oscar D. Knight

VETERANS' SERVICES

Veteran's Agent

H. Leslie Trickey

Inspector of Veterans Graves

Henry F. Weiler

Advisory Board for Veterans' Services

Frank C. Gardner	Richard H. McIntosh
William H. Gibbons	Harold W. Poole
Louis J. Savarino	

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXIX of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Melrose, I respectfully submit, herewith, the annual report of the Board of Appeal for the year 1955.

The Board's annual organization meeting was held on January 12, 1955, at which time Mr. S. Francis Kimberley was elected chairman and Mr. Edwin H. King was re-elected secretary for the ensuing year. The other members of the Board were Messrs. Harry Brettell, W. Jarvis Lowe, Melvin R. Jenney, and E. Franklin Reed.

During the year, the Board held twenty-eight hearings, a resumee of which follows: ten concerned business properties; seven were for the conversion of single dwellings into 2-family residences; five were in relation to apartment buildings; five were held on special requests for variances of the Building Code. Of the ten concerning business, nine appeals were granted and no action was taken on the tenth. Five of the seven conversions of single dwellings were granted, while two were denied. Three of the apartment house hearings were granted and two denied. All five in reference to special requests were granted.

One appeal was held on an extension of the present Green St. Baptist Church. Because the church failed to submit proper plans, no action could be taken on this case.

A summary of the hearings heard and the decisions rendered is as follows:

Appeals granted	22
Appeals denied	4
No action taken	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>28</u>

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF APPEAL

By


Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report
of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1955:

Taxable Valuation of the City:	
Real Estate	\$ 44,742,650.00
Personal Property	<u>3,358,200.00</u>
Total	\$ 48,100,850.00

Tax Rate \$55.40 per \$1,000.00

BUDGET

City Appropriations:		
To be included in the tax levy	\$ 3,489,274.98	
From Available Funds	<u>280,787.04</u>	
Total Appropriations		\$ 3,770,062.02

State Assessments - 1955 Estimates		
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	\$ 2,218.45	
State Examination of Retirement System	839.79	
Smoke Inspection Service	571.99	
Metropolitan Parks	37,794.19	
Metropolitan Sewerage - North System	55,468.84	
Metropolitan Water	<u>52,990.72</u>	
Total 1955 State Estimates		\$ 149,883.98

County Assessments - 1955 Estimates		
County Tax	\$ 108,479.00	
Tuberculosis Hospital (Actual)	<u>32,504.32</u>	
Total 1955 County Estimates		\$ 140,983.32

Hurricane Expenditures	\$ 85,661.95
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Overlay 1955	\$ 52,012.81
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Overlay Deficit 1952	\$ 382.94
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Overlay Deficit 1954	\$ <u>5,049.85</u>
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TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	\$ 4,204,036.87
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

RECAPITULATION OF 1955 TAX RATE

LESS DEDUCTIONS

Estimated Receipts - City 1955

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$ 270,311.03
Licenses	7,219.50
Fines	770.70
Special Assessments	40,997.83
General Government	7,868.30
Protection of Persons and Property	990.55
Health and Sanitation	19,566.99
Highways	2,245.20
Charities	23,348.37
Old Age Assistance	186,917.29
Veterans' Services	15,476.19
Schools	11,461.53
Recreation	3,064.47
Public Service Enterprises	174,576.86
Cemeteries	12,506.28
Interest	8,274.56

Total 1955 Estimated City Receipts		\$	785,595.65
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Estimated Receipts - State 1955

Income Tax	\$ 204,851.88
Corporations Taxes	153,946.14
Old Age Tax (Meals)	9,030.08
Hurricane Assistance	81,212.35

Total 1955 Estimated State Receipts		\$	449,040.45
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State Overestimates - 1954

Smoke Inspection Service	\$ 84.07
Metropolitan Parks	588.97
Metropolitan Sewerage	1,110.16

Total 1954 State Overestimates		\$	1,783.20
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County Tax - 1954 Overestimate

		\$	3,981.44
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Available Funds

		\$	280,787.04
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TOTAL ALL DEDUCTIONS

		\$	1,521,187.78
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AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

		\$	2,682,849.09
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HOW RAISED

POLLS 9031 @ \$2.00	\$ 18,062.00
PERSONAL TAX \$ 3,358,200 @ \$55.40	186,044.28
REAL ESTATE \$44,742,650 @ 55.40	2,478,742.81
TOTAL	\$ 2,682,849.09

ADDENDUM

Year	Census	Dwellings	Polls	Value Buildings	Value Land	Total Val. Real Estate	Value Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Rate per \$1,000	City Appropriation	Sewerage Tax	Other State Levies	State Tax	County Tax	Overlay	Total Tax Levy	Year
1935	24,256	5,455	7,575	26,682,550	7,979,650	34,662,200	2,200,200	36,862,400	36.00	1,472,523.20 158,458.65	15,900.00	86,026.53	53,200.00	53,368.63 14,369.73	22,072.32 211.20	1,776,130.26 *433,933.86	1935
1936	23,924	5,497	7,577	26,544,150	7,966,900	34,511,050	2,145,200	36,656,250	32.00	1,357,988.36 1252,452.98	19,348.97	84,984.35	16,800.00	55,441.81 15,567.21	19,812.19 892.02	1,823,287.89 *635,133.89	1936
1937	23,891	5,674	7,106	27,013,900	7,972,300	34,986,200	2,420,000	37,406,200	33.80	1,416,969.65 1138,894.78	22,612.66	86,408.42	64,400.00	56,912.59 15,608.79	15,889.11 3,167.76	1,820,863.76 *542,322.20	1937
1938	24,050	5,748	7,175	27,619,400	8,089,000	35,708,400	2,807,500	38,515,900	34.40	1,502,168.38 161,646.44	22,916.59	89,157.51	50,440.00	59,058.70 32,760.51	18,876.83 1,084.67	1,838,109.63 *498,212.67	1938
1939	24,670	5,790	7,977	27,584,800	8,189,000	35,773,800	2,726,250	38,500,050	33.80	1,491,463.07 1102,231.21	27,001.39	142,027.68	104,040.00	49,678.46 18,408.73	17,925.87	1,952,776.41 *635,520.72	1939
1940	25,232	5,858	8,191	27,749,950	8,047,250	35,797,200	2,727,800	38,525,000	33.60	1,512,704.20 157,768.78	28,982.80	81,387.41	92,480.00	49,678.46 18,998.84	29,317.13	1,871,317.62 *560,495.62	1940
1941	25,511	5,926	8,281	27,859,050	7,939,600	35,798,650	2,723,450	38,522,100	31.60	1,475,192.60 158,077.51	33,226.90	72,049.39	100,485.00	57,506.55 17,281.83	29,226.58 2,024.83	1,845,071.19 *611,210.83	1941
1942	25,896	5,875	8,486	28,453,600	7,971,250	36,424,850	2,676,750	39,101,600	30.60	1,445,152.91 1104,482.00	30,823.77	71,335.63	91,350.00	48,063.67 17,498.85	27,207.70 580.71	1,836,495.24 *623,014.28	1942
1943	26,649	5,887	8,838	28,698,600	7,931,900	36,630,500	2,729,200	39,359,700	28.40	1,385,174.55 179,284.55	31,938.34	64,856.13	30,450.00	43,324.31 10,571.89	17,553.72	1,663,153.49 *527,662.01	1943
1944	27,412	5,885	9,195	28,624,500	8,035,950	36,660,450	2,715,900	39,376,350	29.60	1,402,782.15 1199,898.08	29,159.69	80,378.72	76,351.00	51,223.86 12,302.59	18,051.80	1,870,147.89 *686,339.93	1944
1945	27,971	5,881	9,329	28,671,500	7,909,800	36,581,300	2,806,050	39,387,350	29.60	1,499,942.80 1191,089.31	29,762.25	71,522.56	42,908.00	53,313.34 12,375.71	16,286.28 250.00	1,867,450.25 *682,926.69	1945
1946	27,938	5,880	9,324	28,702,200	7,908,350	36,610,550	2,913,000	39,423,550	31.60	1,560,615.98 1182,790.95	34,052.28	39,113.24	31,600.00	62,376.97 10,001.77	17,480.45 312.40	1,938,344.04 *673,981.86	1946
1947	27,761	5,901	9,089	28,973,700	7,916,800	36,890,500	3,093,950	39,984,450	36.00	1,863,980.44 1257,748.14	43,122.85	43,305.96	31,600.00	76,511.38 14,344.76	15,772.18 94.00	2,346,479.71 *888,909.51	1947
1948	27,754	5,977	9,015	29,736,800	7,961,800	37,698,600	3,365,750	41,064,350	42.00	2,336,368.14 1553,127.10	47,646.33	42,435.28	0.00	68,879.51 14,344.76	18,248.39 1,153.11	2,982,202.62 *1,239,469.92	1948
1949	27,928	6,076	9,015	30,599,200	8,041,750	38,640,950	3,630,800	42,271,750	42.00	2,275,091.66 1505,779.95	50,536.79	53,625.77	0.00	86,952.17 19,326.54	25,008.40 625.80	3,016,947.08 *1,223,503.58	1949
1950	27,973	6,156	8,981	31,168,500	8,079,400	39,247,900	3,360,600	42,608,500	42.00	2,453,410.37 1425,385.17	61,384.35	65,614.32	0.00	114,034.08 21,887.19	25,000.00 529.67	3,167,245.15 *1,359,726.15	1950
1951	28,226	6,279	9,019	31,996,700	8,149,350	40,146,050	3,554,250	43,700,300	46.00	2,796,487.39 1200,763.66	60,072.82	54,889.62	0.00	98,478.29 28,422.61	27,000.00 8.40	3,266,122.79 *1,237,870.99	1951
1952	28,313	6,409	9,021	33,242,450	8,234,300	41,476,750	3,219,150	44,695,900	53.80	3,079,186.82 1277,726.82	54,215.99	80,488.60	0.00	123,755.80 133,788.55	35,450.43 2,061.83	3,686,674.40 *1,263,992.98	1952
1953	28,335	6,506	8,981	34,482,100	8,335,050	42,817,150	3,243,400	46,060,550	52.80	3,128,765.89 1462,019.15	59,101.92	67,226.70	0.00	108,738.00 39,235.21	42,223.07 4,559.03	3,911,868.97 *1,461,909.93	1953
1954	28,538	6,596	8,942	35,242,950	8,345,150	43,588,100	3,342,400	46,920,500	54.40	3,384,078.17 1228,380.89	51,220.61	98,098.80	0.00	109,487.12 34,862.71	41,385.08 523.38	3,948,036.76 *1,377,677.56	1954
1955	29,239	6,720	9,031	36,344,450	8,398,200	44,742,650	3,358,200	48,100,850	55.40	3,489,274.98 1280,787.04 H 85,661.95	55,468.84	94,415.14	0.00	108,479.00 32,504.32	52,012.81 5,432.79	4,204,036.87 *1,521,187.78	1955

H Hurricane Exp.
† From Available Funds
• Receipts

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations assessed	7,033
Number of Persons assessed for Poll Tax	9,031
Number of Motor Vehicle Excises levied	12,422
Number of Horses assessed upon	12
Number of Cows assessed upon	0
Number of Dwellings assessed upon	6,720

VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

	PERSONAL	REAL ESTATE
City Property Publicly Used	\$ 414,900.00	\$ 5,288,050.00
City Property Not So Used		74,475.00
Benevolent Institutions	265,000.00	1,011,300.00
Cemeteries	500.00	23,400.00
Charitable Institutions	5,500.00	48,200.00
Houses of Religious Worship	39,500.00	1,228,900.00
Literary Institutions	12,500.00	191,600.00
Organizations of War Veterans	3,000.00	19,100.00
Parsonages		88,300.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		17,600.00
	<u>\$ 740,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,990,925.00</u>

The following additional assessments were committed:

Motor Vehicle Excise (12,422)		\$ 334,856.39
Apportioned Sewer Assessments	\$ 10,044.27	
" Sidewalk "	3,359.00	
" Street "	9,313.53	
" Committed Interest	<u>7,384.24</u>	\$ 30,101.04
Unapportioned Sewer Assessments	\$ 90,338.18	
" Sidewalk "	3,808.88	
" Street "	<u>90,691.43</u>	\$ 184,838.49
Additional Polls (11)		\$ 22.00
Recovered from Estates of Deceased Persons		\$ 462.20

During the year 30,288 items were committed to the Collector.

Respectfully Submitted:

Henry R. Pestee
Norman D. McDonald
Lewis C. Hennigan

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD OF HEALTH

of the

CITY OF MELROSE

for the

Year Ending December 31st
1955

Organization of Board

Oakley R. Jones, M.D., Chairman
Paul E. Troy, Atty., Lawrence E. Simpson, Members
Helen F. Adams, Agent

School Physicians

Thomas M. Hearne, M.D. George R. Murphy, M.D.
John S. Graf, M.D.

Public Health Nurses

Johanna P. M. Versteeg, P.H.N. Supervisor
Genevieve J. Crealey, P.H.N. Jane H. Lord, P.H.N.

Dentist

Ezra J. Kennison, D.M.D.

Dental Hygienists

Dorothy Campbell Eleanor Hovey
Frances Sargent Ruth Stevenson

Inspectors

Sanitary John J. Devine
Animals Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith a review of the health conditions in the city and a statement of the acts of the Board of Health for the year ending December 31, 1955.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL -

Mr. Lawrence Simpson was appointed as a member of the Board in March 7, 1955 filling the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Edward L. Kelly in December of 1954. Mr. Simpson is extremely well qualified and a much welcomed member to the board.

Mrs. Genevieve J. Creeley, P.H.N. tendered her resignation to become effective December 31, 1955. Mrs. Creeley served in the capacity of public health nurse for about eleven years. Her duties were performed in a conscientious and efficient manner.

GENERAL HEALTH -

The general health of the community has continued to be excellent. Despite the fact that there were several episodes of floods, there were no diseases such as typhoid, para-typhoid, tetanus, nor food poisoning reported. There was a moderate outbreak of poliomyelitis, 23 cases were reported with 1 death resulting from this disease. There were 26 premature babies born, with 3 deaths. Financial aid for hospital care was given to those requiring it.

SCHOOL HEALTH -

The school health program covers physical examinations by the school doctors and nursing in the 11 public and 2 parochial schools. 1,066 students were examined by the school doctors. Conferences between the nurses, teachers and parents are held, if a child is found to have a defect, on completion of the examination. Every attempt is made to correct or at least improve the defect so that the child may make a good school adjustment. The Dental Health portion of the school health program continued during 1955 in full operation. Remedial dentistry was offered to those children having financial need by the clinic dentist at the Coolidge School. The clinic's work was supplemented by the Forsyth Dental Infirmary. Bus transportation was supplied to those attending the latter clinic. The program offering topical application of sodium fluoride to all school children was continued throughout the school year. A detailed account of this program and the work accomplished in our dental clinic is presented in the supervising public health nurses's report.

SANITATION-

All nuisances reported were investigated and action taken for correction.

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All proposed subdivisions were inspected for satisfactory drinking water, sewage and surface drainage as prescribed by General Laws.

All bakeries received the required inspections and were found in good condition.

The motel was inspected on several occasions and was found to be well operated.

All milk sold in the city was tested for butter fat content, pasteurization, and was cultured at frequent intervals.

All known stables, animal pens, chicken yards, etc. were inspected 20 out of 22 applications were approved and licenses granted.

We continued the air-borne spraying for the control of mosquitoes which resulted in only one complaint of this nuisance.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES -

Poliomyelitis - There were 23 cases of poliomyelitis with one death in 1955. The Salk vaccine was administered in the schools to all eligible children, according to the conditions laid down by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. All Melrose doctors participated in this program.

Tuberculosis - There were 10 new cases reported and there were 3 deaths from tubercular infection. Our census at the sanatorium was the lowest in years. Active treatment with injections, education and care was carried on by the public health nurses.

Measles - There was a State wide epidemic of measles and we had 983 reported cases.

Rabies Control - All dogs were inoculated against rabies in 1955. There were no cases of rabies.

HEALTH EDUCATION -

This program has continued with all personnel participating. Attendance, at lectures, conferences, and seminars, is essential to maintain well trained personnel.

RECOMMENDATIONS -

Our previous recommendations are as follows; a more adequate office a laboratory and clinic space are most urgently needed. At present, only one room is available for a staff of 6 full-time employees and 8 part-time employees. There is no laboratory for the Sanitary Inspector and his examinations are being made in a laboratory outside the city. A conference room for the nurses to interview privately the many mothers who call on them regarding their family health problem is necessary.

We wish, in closing to thank the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, and all departments in the city for their cooperation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Iron
..... Board of
Lawrence E. Livingston Health of
Ashley D. Jones Melrose

BOARD OF HEALTH

TABLE I
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1955	Totals 1955	1954	Totals 1954
Total Appropriation	.....	\$42,140.28	.....	\$42,867.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Salaries & Wages.....		\$24,209.85	.....	\$21,998.71
Chairman.....	\$ 2,696.19	.....	\$ 2,566.39	
Board Members.....	115.15	.....	117.50	
Health Agent.....	3,261.12	.....	3,132.00	
Substitute Agent.....	100.00	.....	40.00	
School Physicians.....	1,567.32	.....	1,500.00	
Public Health Nurses.....	11,405.11	.....	10,038.29	
Inspector of Animals.....	705.69	.....	675.00	
Sanitary Inspector.....	4,359.27	.....	3,929.53	
Other Expenses.....		\$ 1,671.65	.....	\$ 1,628.67
Telephone.....	\$ 245.63	.....	\$ 265.13	
Car Allowance-Public Health Work @ 8¢ per mile.....	1,204.00	.....	1,098.90	
Postage & Express.....	27.10	.....	11.32	
Office Supplies.....	85.41	.....	180.95	
Sundries & Printing.....	109.51	.....	72.37	
Tuberculosis.....		\$ 2,382.30	.....	\$ 3,854.39
Outside Aid.....	\$ 351.30	.....	\$ 349.39	
Board & Supplies in Hospital.....	2,031.00	.....	3,505.00	
Quarantine & Contagious Disease.....	\$ 585.15	.....	\$ 158.92	
Care & Disposal of Stray Animals.....	\$ 341.00	.....	\$ 375.50	
Immunization of Dogs.....	\$ 352.88	.....	\$ 182.88	
Transportation-Children Dental Clinic.....	\$ 600.00	.....	\$ 600.00	
Dental Clinic.....	\$ 6,266.15	.....	\$ 5,536.65	
Salaries & Wages.....	\$ 5,470.74	.....	\$ 4,848.00	
Administrative Expense.....	795.41	.....	688.65	
Care of Premature Babies.....	\$ 813.70	.....	\$ 630.40	
Laboratory & Educational Expense.....	\$ 272.83	.....	\$ 335.55	
Mosquito Suppression.....	\$ 2,341.96	.....	\$ 2,122.60	
Polio Clinic.....	\$ 177.11	.....	\$ .	
Total Expenditures.....		\$40,014.58	.....	\$37,414.27
Revenues of Board of Health*.....		\$ 3,015.99	.....	\$ 3,109.24
Licenses and Permits.....	\$ 247.50	.....	\$ 175.50	
Reimbursements.....	2,561.49	.....	2,836.74	
Dog Clinic.....	207.00		97.00	
*Not available for use				
County Tuberculosis Tax.....		\$32,504.32		\$34,862.71

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TABLE II
CASES & DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

	Polio- mye litis		Diph- theria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Lobar Pneum- onia		Whooping Cough		Pul. & Miliary		Tuberculosis Menin- geal		Other Forms	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1946	0	0	1	0	23	0	0	0	231	0	12	2	39	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
1947	1	0	1	0	11	0	0	0	146	1	9	2	56	0	5	4	1	0	0	0
1948	1	0	1	0	9	0	1	0	166	0	12	0	19	0	9	5	0	0	1	2
1949	25	2	0	0	19	0	0	0	134	0	1	0	33	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
1950	3	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	45	0	3	0	47	0	11	2	0	0	0	0
1951	2	0	1	0	12	0	1	0	66	0	1	0	2	0	12	3	0	0	0	0
1952	5	1	1	0	15	0	0	0	608	0	1	0	9	0	5	3	0	0	1	0
1953	6	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	7	0	4	4	0	0	1	0
1954	4	0	2	0	17	0	0	0	177	0	0	0	33	0	3	2	0	0	0	1
1955	23	1	0	0	21	0	0	0	983	0	0	0	8	0	10	2	0	0	0	1

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Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the public health nursing report for the year 1955:

HEALTH SERVICES -

The Melrose Board of Health participated in the Polio Prevention Program and clinics were established in all schools.

1,682 polio vaccine shots were given during the months of May and June. There were 23 cases of polio reported during the year resulting in one death.

Diabetes - During the Diabetes Detection Drive, 113 persons availed themselves of free urinalysis at the Melrose Hospital. Four persons showed sugar and were referred to the family physician for follow-up.

Communicable Disease Control - 11 monthly immunization clinics were held for the prevention of diphtheria-whooping cough and tetanus.

34 babies and pre-school children received the triple dose.

24 babies and pre-school children received a booster dose.

Dr. Miah H. Rovner, clinic physician administered these inoculations.

Tuberculosis -

There were 66 cases of tuberculosis, 46 active, 20 inactive and 73 contacts. There was an average of 6 cases at the Sanatorium.

390 home visits were made to the 66 cases.

73 home visits were made to the contacts.

7 patients were given injections of streptomycin at home by the public health nurses.

The following appointments for re-examinations and chest X-rays were made during the year:

1 at Melrose Hospital
28 at Middlesex County Sanatorium
8 at North Reading Sanatorium

Of the above X-rayed, 2 were patients, 11 contacts, 9 suspects and 15 teachers.

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School Health Program - All 13 schools were visited twice weekly by the public health nurses. The three school physicians for the elementary schools examined 1,066 pupils and screened 115 pupils who needed special attention or had newly entered.

- 1,002 visits were made to schools
- 663 visits were made to 449 homes
- 4,104 interviews were held with teachers
- 10,866 interviews were held with pupils
- 3,739 interviews were held with groups
- 18 planned teacher-nurse conferences
- 15 triple doses of D.P.T. to 15 pupils
- 40 booster doses
- 781 vision tests (St.Mary's School)
- 95 vision re-tests
- 13 children received vision examinations and glasses from the Lyons Club

The census of handicapped children showed that there were 86 handicapped children on our register. Those of school age and unable to attend school receive the services of a visiting teacher. In school, lip reading classes are provided for the hard of hearing. It is our aim to see that each child so reported is adequately cared for either through private medical care or crippled children's clinics.

School Dental Clinic - The school dentist, Dr. Ezra J. Kennison examined 102 pupils.

- 197 pupils were treated
- 87 pupils completed treatment
- 71 extractions
- 1,087 fillings
- 26 plastic fillings
- 3 X-rays taken

The dental hygienists cleaned the teeth of 1,236 pupils of the 2-4-6-8 grades. 4,754 sodium fluoride treatments were given. 174 supervisory visits were made to the clinics. Two meetings were held with the dental committee. The Washington and St.Mary's Schools did not receive service due to shortage of personnel.

Miscellaneous Activities -

34 Conferences were held as follows:

- Superintendent of Schools..... 9
- Social and Health Agencies.....13
- State Health Workers.....12

19 Institutes and Meetings were attended:

- Institute on Health-Colby College.. 3 days
- Institute on Health-Amherst College 2 days
- Tuberculosis Meeting..... 1
- State Meetings..... 4
- Red Cross Meetings.....10
- Salvation Army Meeting..... 1
- Education of the Retarded Child.... 1

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Inspections for Licenses -

- 3 Nursing Homes
- 2 Homes for Boarding Children
- 2 Homes for the Aged
- 5 Lodging Homes
- 5 Kindergartens or Nursery Schools

I wish to thank the civic, social and health agencies for the cooperation and financial and moral support received in 1955:

The Salvation Army
The Lions Club
The Local Red Cross Chapter
The Local Polio Foundation
The School Department
The Melrose Hospital
The Mayor's Dental Committee

Respectfully yours,

Johanna P. M. Versteeg

Johanna P.M. Versteeg, P.H.N.
Supervising Public Health Nurse.

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Sanitary Inspector herewith submits his annual report
from January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955:

INSPECTION OF MILK

INSPECTION:

Pasteurizing Plants.....	49
Dairies within city limits.....	1
Ice Cream Plants.....	17

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

Market Milk.....	44
Grade "A" Milk.....	27
Homogenized Milk.....	101
Special Milk.....	22
Cream.....	56
Ice Cream.....	67

LABORATORY REPORT:

Chemical analysis of milk and cream.....	230
(found below standard, 5)	
Bacteriological examination of milk and cream.....	587
(found below standard, 17)	
Coliform count.....	252
(found below standard, 40)	
Chemical analysis of ice cream.....	103
(found below standard, 0)	
Bacteriological examination of mix and ice cream.....	219
(found below standard, 30)	
Phosphatase test.....	293
(found positive, 4)	

DAILY RETAIL SALES MILK PRODUCTS

(Dealers' Declaration)

Pasteurized milk.....	16,434 qts.
Certified Pasteurized Milk.....	24 qts.
Cream.....	485 qts.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Milk and Oleomargarine, stores and dealers.....	111
Pasteurization Plants.....	1
Ice Cream Manufacturing Permits.....	3
Ice Cream Sales Permits.....	91

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GEOMETRICAL AVERAGE FOR THE YEAR 1955

GRADE "A" MILK

<u>Dealer</u>	<u>Milk Fat</u>	<u>Plate Count</u>
<u>State Standard</u>	<u>4.00</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Cummings, B. L., Inc.	4.63	4,000
Happy Valley Dairy	4.55	380
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	4.12	680
Prescott, J. B. & Co.	4.25	3,000
Kiley Farm	4.57	430
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc.	4.35	1,000
Weiss Farm	5.15	2,000

MARKET AND HOMOGENIZED MILK

<u>State Standard</u>	<u>3.35</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Market:		
Brennan, Horace	4.02	2,000
Fallon, W. J. & Son	3.80	4,000
Happy Valley Dairy	3.88	6,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	3.80	3,500
Kiley Farm	3.85	4,000
Spears, Clinton W.	4.78	1,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc.	4.15	4,000
Ware Dairy	3.90	1,000
Weiss Farm	3.97	1,000
Homogenized:		
Brennan, Horace	3.94	2,000
Buttrick, David	4.27	2,500
Cummings, B. L., Inc.	4.04	3,500
Fallon, W. J. & Son	3.86	4,000
Hanley & Sons	4.01	1,000
Happy Valley Dairy	3.65	11,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	4.00	2,000
Kiley Farm	4.22	590
Prescott, J. B. & Co.	4.02	1,500
Quinn Farm Dairy	4.15	3,500
Seven Oaks Dairy	3.90	7,000
Spears, Clinton W.	4.13	5,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc.	3.81	2,000
United Farmers of New England	3.82	2,500
Weiss Farm	3.73	650
Whiting Milk Company	3.73	6,000

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INSPECTION OF FOOD

INSPECTIONS:

Common Victuallers.....	171
Stores-Lord's Day and Food.....	164
Stores-Drug.....	75
Bakeries.....	30
Nuisance Complaints.....	72
Number of investigations made concerning complaints.....	195
Animal permits granted.....	20
Animal permits refused.....	2
Animal permits inspected.....	46
Cesspool inspections.....	91
Cesspool permits issued.....	6
Water samples (found contaminated...h).....	17
Bacteriological examination of eating utensils (Common Victuallers and Soda Fountains.....)	550
(found above 100 plate count, 158)	

Foods Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption:

Meat.....	303 lbs.
Fish.....	7 lbs.
Candy.....	3 lbs.

Flood Damage:

Tonic.....	2,621 bottles
Baby Food.....	26 jars
Prunes.....	14 cans

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1955

	<u>Bacterial Count</u>			<u>Scoring Grade</u>
	<u>Dishes</u>	<u>Glasses</u>	<u>Silverware</u>	
Federal Standard (not over)	100	100	100	
COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES:				
Bellevue Golf Club.....	97	56	18	93 %
Brigham's Inc.....	13	12	28	97
Emerson Grille.....	30	41	8	95
Franklin Square Restaurant.....	24	12	51	89
F. W. Woolworth's.....	7	5	14	92
Garvey Inc.....	50	67	27	94
Golden Gate Restaurant.....	66	205	28	79.5
Hopkins.....	310	310	150	80
Karl's Coffee Shop.....	2	4	18	95
Lee's Ice Cream.....	47	180	85	91.5
The Lobster Shop.....	37	65	74	90.5
Lou's Lunch.....	81	37	59	96
Melrose Donut Shop.....	81	120	67	94.5
Melrose Hospital Coffee Shop.....	17	8	22	93
Mt. Hood Golf Club.....	0	0	0	95
Pine Banks Refreshment Stand.....	68	170	130	80.5
Pondview Restaurant.....	41	24	24	97.5
Reagent Delicatessen.....	37	28	12	91.
Reynolds Luncheonette.....	83	66	51	92.7
Schopell's Cafeteria.....	27	120	390	87
Stearns & Hill.....	34	22	38	98

FOUNTAIN SERVICE STORES:

Austin Pharmacy.....	4	5
Bells Pharmacy.....	Paper Serv.	0
Berston Pharmacy.....	86	36
Emerson Pharmacy.....	2	22
Franklin Spa.....	Paper Serv.	35
Grove Pharmacy.....	Paper Serv.	22
Haslam Drug.....	9	0
Hill & Co.....	Paper Serv.	17
York Pharmacy.....	49	13
Roger Pharmacy.....	51	47
R. & M. Varjabedian.....	150	15

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Devine
John J. Devine
Sanitary Inspector.

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The Board of Health,
City of Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the City of Melrose, I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Seventy-three (73) dogs were examined and quarantined for rabies observation as having inflicted injury by biting or scratching persons. There were no cases of rabies in the City this year.

All barns housing horses were inspected and found to be in good condition.

There are no cattle within the City.

Respectfully submitted,



Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.N.
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Building Department respectfully submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1955.

The building, plumbing, and gas permits issued during the year are classified below:

<u>No. Classification</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
112 Single Dwellings	\$ 848,500.00
136 Reshingles	40,259.00
23 Garages	17,500.00
65 Alterations (Dwelling)	41,615.00
26 Alterations (Other)	37,710.00
1 Super-Market	110,000.00
2 School Additions	315,192.00
2 Church Additions	253,000.00
1 Business building	10,000.00
1 Shed	600.00
1 Hen house	1,000.00
1 Foundation only	1,000.00
9 Restoration of fire damage	21,500.00
16 Demolitions	00
4 Relocations of buildings	00
Conversions:	
1 Barn to single dwelling	5,000.00
7 Single to 2-family dwellings	9,100.00
1 Single to 5-family dwelling	15,000.00
1 Four-family to 5-family dwelling	500.00
1 Four-family to 7-family dwelling	800.00
<u>411 Building Permits</u>	<u>\$1,728,276.00</u>

PLUMBING AND GAS DIVISION:

106 Permits to do plumbing in new buildings	\$ 89,675.00
528 Permits to replace plumbing in old buildings	116,793.00
94 Permits for the addition of plumbing in old buildings	59,240.00
4 Permits for the conversion of dwellings	7,600.00
5 Permits for new sewer connections in old buildings that require plumbing	565.00
<u>737 Plumbing permits</u>	<u>\$ 273,873.00</u>
<u>253 Gas permits</u>	<u>\$ 27,664.00</u>

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Number of plumbing fixtures installed	1,992
Number of visits of inspection for plumbing	1,336
Number of water tests for plumbing	117
Number of gas fits installed	36
Number of gas appliances installed	292
Number of visits and tests on gas work	252

A total sum of \$3,935.55 was received by the Building Department from January 1 to December 31, 1955 for building, plumbing, and gas permit fees, Board of Appeal applications, code books, and zoning maps.

411 Building permits	\$ 2,277.25
737 Plumbing permits	1,161.50
253 Gas permits	182.00
69 Code books	31.30
14 Zoning maps	3.50
28 Board of Appeal applications	280.00
Total	<u>\$ 3,935.55</u>

The Building Department inspected several houses on streets where the Public Works Department were to blast for the installation of sewer and water, submitting a total of fifteen blasting inspection reports to said department.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm G. Willmore
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Cemetery Committee herewith submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The routine work on maintenance and service was carried on as usual with one emergency caused by the flood. As happens in every excessive rainfall the main drain was unable to carry off the water and two areas within the cemetery as well as the intersection of Lebanon and Sylvan Streets were under several feet of water. Traffic over this intersection was detoured through the cemetery until the water receded. No material damage was done within the grounds although there was considerable work necessary to clean up.

The road-building program set up in 1948 was completed this year and all the roads in the cemetery which are in service are now paved with bituminous concrete, which eliminates the necessity of repairing the roads in the spring and keeping them clear of weeds.

This work consisted of adding gravel on many sections up to a maximum depth of two feet, installing necessary drainage, surfacing with bituminous concrete, loaming and seeding the shoulders and cleanup. All work except surfacing was done with cemetery labor with the help of machinery from the Public Works Department and some hired equipment. The surface was laid by established road contractors after competitive bidding.

The cost of the entire project, covering about two miles of road was approximately \$30,000, or \$15,000 per mile. Included in this total was the graveling and rough grading of two roads in the northeast corner, not included in the original project.

The only remaining major project is the rebuilding of the wall on Sylvan Street from Lebanon Street westerly where it has settled badly because of unstable underlying material. The committee hopes to rectify this failure as soon as the necessary study is made and plans drawn. With the completion of this project the committee hopes to increase the contributions to the Trust Fund.

The Cemetery Trust Fund was set up to furnish income towards the maintenance of the cemetery. A certain amount of the money received from the sale of lots and graves is deposited in this fund and the interest is used for maintenance. The principal cannot be used.

The balance of the money received from sales is placed in a fund known as the Lot and Grave Sales Fund and, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Aldermen, is used for extensions or permanent improvements. During the past sixteen years this fund has supplied money for the following improvements without including it in the tax levy:

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

WPA Project: laying out, clearing and preparing the easterly section of the grounds, building the wall along Sylvan and Lebanon Streets, installing drainage system and building a shop and garage.

WPA Project: building a drainage system in the southwesterly section.

Erecting and furnishing an office building, including landscaping.

Installing three sets of ornamental iron gates.

Rebuilding all the roads with bituminous concrete surface.

The Trust Fund on December 31, 1941, was \$185,455.07

The Trust Fund on December 31, 1955, was \$288,904.36

During the year, nine old lots have been placed in Perpetual Care, and the money received has been deposited in the Trust Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. McClinton
Joseph Casey

February 1, 1956

The Cemetery Committee.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

DETAILS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1955

Appropriations and Transfers:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	\$33,886.80		
Order 11334-A.	1,525.00	\$35,411.80	
Maintenance: Other Expenses		6,000.00	
Road Construction: Balance from 1954	\$ 892.46		
Order 11503.	3,500.00	4,392.46	
Pond Filling & Draining:			
Balance from 1954.	\$ 83.97		
Order 11503.	500.00	583.97	
Drainage: Balance from 1964.		300.00	
Grave Liners.	\$ 1,500.00		
Order 11591.	1,050.00	2,550.00	\$49,238.23

Expenditures:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	\$34,749.11	
Maintenance: Other Expenses	5,663.86	
Road Construction	2,897.02	
Pond Filling & Draining	260.30	
Drainage.	74.87	
Grave Liners.	2,521.70	46,166.88

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1955:			
Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	\$ 662.69		
Maintenance: Other Expenses	356.12		
Grave Liners.	28.30	\$ 1,027.11	
To 1956:			
Road Construction	\$ 1,495.44		
Pond Filling & Draining	323.67		
Drainage.	225.13	2,044.24	3,071.35

CEMETERY TRUST FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance from 1954	\$ 2,720.42	
Income, 1955.	9,709.47	\$12,429.89
Pay rolls.	\$10,330.69	
Bills.	530.97	10,861.66
Balance to 1956		\$ 1,568.23

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

Receipts for Departmental Expenditures:

Appropriations and Transfers.	\$49,238.23	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	<u>12,429.89</u>	\$61,668.12

Departmental Expenditures:

From Appropriations and Transfers	\$46,166.88
From Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account.	10,881.66

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1955.	\$ 1,027.11	
To 1956: Appropriation Accounts.	\$ 2,044.24	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income A/c	<u>1,568.23</u>	<u>3,612.47</u>
		<u>\$61,668.12</u>

Total Net Cash Receipts	\$28,979.45	
Credits, Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account.	<u>9,709.47</u>	\$38,688.92

Net Expenditures: Appropriation Accounts	\$42,934.69	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account.	<u>10,881.66</u>	<u>53,796.35</u>

Expenditures over Receipts.	\$15,107.43
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Total Pay-roll: Maintenance: Salaries & Wages,	\$54,749.11	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account.	10,330.69	
Cost of Living Increase, 3%.	<u>284.80</u>	<u>\$45,364.40</u>

CASH RECEIPTS

Interments.	\$ 6,325.00
Foundations	1,916.82
Lot Sales	\$ 4,334.00
Less Refunds	<u>153.00</u>
Grave Sales	3,375.00
Perpetual Care.	\$ 8,713.00
Less Refunds	<u>77.00</u>
Annual Care	414.63
Miscellaneous	1,250.00
Grave Liners.	<u>2,881.00</u>
Total Net Cash Receipts for 1955	\$28,979.45

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Cemetery Committee,
Melrose,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Superintendent of Wyoming Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1955:

Interments:

Adults.	214
*Children.	17
Cremated remains.	<u>13</u>
Total for 1955	244
Total Interments to January 1, 1956	16,330

Sale of Lots:

Sold during the year.	20
Total number sold to January 1, 1956.	2,625

Sale of Graves:

Sold during the year.	80
Total number sold to January 1, 1956.	4,718

Number of Lots under Perpetual Care. 1,914

Number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care 3,158

Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1956,
Regular, Sections D, H and 2. 32

Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1956,
in Sections 4 and 5 117

Old Lots placed in Perpetual Care. 9

Respectfully submitted,

Howard D. Milton.

*12 yrs. or under.

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the year ended December 31, 1955.

I have examined the several Trust Funds of the Treasurer-Collector, and the Trust Funds of the Trustees of the Public Library together with all securities, coupons and savings accounts in the Savings Banks and Trust Companies. All income for the year was properly accounted for and all expenditures were properly supported by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur M. Goddard
City Auditor.

CITY AUDITOR

FINANCES

The Assessed Valuation of the City
January 1, 1955

Real Estate	\$44,742,650.00
Personal Property	<u>3,358,200.00</u>
	48,100,850.00

Rate of Taxation per \$1000.00 of Valuation \$55.40

Appropriation:

Budget and Revenue Orders	3,489,274.98	
County Tax	108,479.00	
County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax	32,504.32	
Metropolitan Park Tax	37,794.19	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	55,468.84	
Metropolitan Water Tax	52,990.72	
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	571.99	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	2,218.45	
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	839.79	
Overlays for Abatements	57,445.60	
Hurricane Expenditures	<u>85,661.95</u>	3,923,249.83

Less:

Estimated Receipts:		
Income Tax	204,851.88	
Corporation Tax	153,946.14	
Meals Tax for Old Age Assistance	9,030.80	
City Accounts	866,807.28	
State and County Overestimates from 1954	<u>5,764.64</u>	<u>1,240,400.74</u>
		2,682,849.09

Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation

Poll Tax	18,062.00	
Real Estate Tax	2,478,742.81	
Personal Property Tax	<u>186,044.28</u>	2,682,849.09

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1955

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		Employees Payroll Deduction:	\$24,098.33
General		Federal Withholding Taxes	1,136.95
Special - Cemetery - Sale of Lots and Graves		Old Age Assistance Recoveries	1,609.21
Advances for Petty:		Tailings	36.00
Collector			
Park		Proceeds of Dog Licenses Due County	1,108.14
Library			
Cemetery		Overestimates 1955:	\$1,700.00
School Visual Aid Program		State Assessments:	1,283.35
School Athletic Program		Guarantee Deposits:	665.00
School Lunch Program		Private Sewer	152.50
Accounts Receivable:		Individual Walks	500.00
Taxes:		Water Inside Service	
Levy of 1953 - Poll	2.00	Sale of City Possessions	
Levy of 1954 - Poll	17.24	Contracts	
Personal	87.04	Cemetery Perpetual Care Requests	4,300.85
Real	1,488.82		1,686.00
Levy of 1955 - Poll	140.00	Trust Funds Income:	1.23
Personal	1,566.44	A. C. Marie Currier	473.16
Real	60,459.91	Andrew J. Burnett Memorial	4.33
		George Emerson	447.90
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Levi S. Gould	29.30
Levy of 1954	627.66	Norman F. Hesselstine	76.27
Levy of 1955	11,644.17	Community Civics	622.89
		William E. Bailey	2.91
Special Assessments:		William E. Barrett	132.63
Sewer Added to Taxes 1954	201.99	Horatio W. Perkins	819.49
1955	921.16	Sarah E. Cheever	1,568.13
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1955	113.00	Cemetery Perpetual Care	49.19
Street " " 1954	88.45	Cemetery Flower	87.18
" " 1955	586.07	Oscar Frost	
Committed Interest 1954	90.38	Stabilization Fund	1,766.00
Committed Interest 1955	578.06	Unexpended Appropriation Balances	6,080.61
Tax Titles and Possessions:		Sale of Tax Title Possessions Fund	202,608.97
Tax Titles	1,390.36	Sale of Real Estate Fund	3,007.61
Tax Possessions	17,998.82	Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves	1,230.00
Special Taxes:		and Accumulated Income	12,277.15
Estate of Deceased Persons	1,132.51		

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BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1955 (Continued)

Assets

Departmental:

Memorial Building Rentals

Police Ambulance

Wire

Health

General Relief

Old Age Assistance

Aid to Dependent Children

Veterans Services

School

Cemetery - Perpetual

Sale of Lots and Graves

Public Works - Forestry

Private Sewer

Highway Repairing

Traffic Beacons

Individual Walks

Water Inside Service

\$1,012.40
 336.60
 43.33
 181.50
 4,647.73
 6,217.19
 2,829.46
 11,203.54
 444.59
 80.00
 126.00
 351.76
 3,048.11
 174.86
 115.93
 50.54
1,333.48

Water Rates

Overlay Deficits:

Levy of 1954

Court Judgements

Overdrawn Appropriations (Chap. 44 Sec. 31)

Hurricane Damage of Aug. 31, 1954

Flood Damage of 1955

Underestimates 1955:

County Assessments

State Assessments

7,251.05
4,751.61

11,654.83
3,112.56

Liabilities and Reserves

Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:

Mt. Hood Memorial Park

Library - Fines

Duplicate Book

Parking Meter - Street

Off Street

\$48,504.61
 3,518.57
 259.35
 6,106.35
420.01

\$58,808.89

Federal Grants:

Administration - Old Age

Aid to Dependent Children

Disability Assistance

Assistance - Old Age

Aid to Dependent Children

Disability Assistance

1,045.30
 1,842.95
 736.95
 7,016.22
 1,555.13
287.44

12,483.99

Revolving Funds:

School Lunch

School Athletics

36,814.23

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise

Tax Title and Possessions

Special Taxes

Special Assessments

Departmental

Water

12,271.83
 19,389.18
 1,132.51
 2,889.11
 32,197.02
36,814.23

104,393.88

Reserved for Petty Cash Advances

515.00

Overlay Reserve for Abatements:

Levy of 1953

Levy of 1955

6.00
3,076.14

3,082.14

Surplus Revenue

256,935.75

Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus

705,427.07

2,446.44
705,427.07

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1955 (Cont'd)

Assets

Non Revenue Cash

Non Revenue Accounts

\$462,910.63

Unexpended Balances:

Addition to Winthrop School

Fence - Beebe School - West Foster St.

Decius Beebe School Construction

\$80,502.65

262.80

382,145.18\$462,910.63Liabilities and Reserve

Apportioned Assessments - Not Due

Sewer

Sidewalk

Street

\$186,183.98

17,797.94

160,220.70Deferred Revenue Accounts

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1956

1957

1958

1959

1960

1961

1962

1963

1964

1965

1966

1967

1968

1969

1970

1971

1972

1973

1974

1975

13,715.51

13,424.71

12,918.52

12,673.63

12,104.61

11,546.00

10,702.00

10,112.00

9,313.00

9,002.00

8,982.00

8,972.00

8,952.00

8,947.00

8,920.00

4,699.00

4,672.00

3,980.00

3,705.02

186,183.98

Apportioned Sidewalk Revenue:

Due in 1956

1957

1958

1959

1960

1961

1962

1963

1964

1965

3,137.94

3,128.00

2,792.00

2,303.00

1,930.00

1,786.00

1,447.00

352.00

77.00

77.00

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1955 (Cont'd)

AssetsDeferred Revenue AccountsApportioned Sidewalk Revenue (Cont'd)

Due in 1966	\$77.00
1967	77.00
1968	77.00
1969	77.00
1970	77.00
1971	77.00
1972	77.00
1973	77.00
1974	77.00
1975	<u>77.00</u>
	\$17,797.94

Apportioned Street Revenue:

Due in 1956	12,424.70
1957	12,357.00
1958	12,261.00
1959	11,740.00
1960	11,211.00
1961	11,029.00
1962	11,029.00
1963	9,939.00
1964	5,896.00
1965	5,896.00
1966	5,891.00
1967	5,891.00
1968	5,881.00
1969	5,875.00
1970	5,870.00
1971	5,860.00
1972	5,860.00
1973	5,860.00
1974	5,824.00
1975	<u>3,626.00</u>
	160,220.70
	<u>364,202.62</u>

364,202.62Debt Accounts

Serial Loans:
Inside Debt Limit

\$600,000.00

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:
Inside Debt Limit:
General

\$600,000.00

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BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1955 (Cont'd)	
<u>Trust and Investment Accounts</u>	
In custody of City Treasurer:	
Welfare Funds	
A. C. Marie Currier	\$365,103.46
Andrew J. Burnett Memorial	4,220.95
George Emerson	4,746.85
School Funds	
Community Civics	
Levi S. Gould	
Norman F. Hesselkine	
Sarah E. Fitch	
Mary B. Wing Memorial	
Stalker Scholarship	
Library Funds	
William E. Bailey	
William E. Barrett	
Horatio W. Perkins	
Park Funds	
Sarah A. Cheever	
Memorial Building Funds	
John C. F. Slayton Organ	
Cemetery Funds	
Perpetual Care	
Samuel W. McDaniels Perpetual Care	
Wyoming Cemetery Flowers	
Oscar F. Frost	
Other Funds	
Stabilization	
200th Anniversary	
In custody of Memorial Building Trustees	
John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund Income	
In Custody of Library Trustees	
Sarah A. Cheever	
Stephen C. Deering	
Jabez Dyer	
Sarah E. Odlin	
	374,071.26

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CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Cash - January 1, 1955

\$349,818.67

Add Receipts:

Taxes- Real, Personal and Poll	\$2,634,673.63	
Motor Vehicle Excise	315,824.33	
Income and Corporation Taxes	356,659.78	
Temporary Loans	1,000,000.00	
School Construction Loans	600,000.00	
Federal Grants for Welfare	183,014.37	
State Aid for Highways	48,978.57	
Proceeds from Fire Loss	11,487.07	
Trust Funds	82,950.58	
Parking Meter Fees	9,000.37	
Deposits	42,762.50	
Mt. Hood Park Receipts	30,930.54	
School Construction Grant	55,989.93	
Hurricane Assistance	75,479.06	
Licenses and Permits	7,044.75	
Fines	1,324.20	
Special Assessments	44,741.94	
Departmental	352,391.02	
Public Service	202,554.55	
Cemeteries	29,209.45	
Interest	12,246.34	
Miscellaneous	17,816.01	
Withholding Tax Deductions	259,522.62	
		<u>6,374,601.61</u>

Deduct: Expenditures (per Schedule)

Cash, December 31, 1955-- Revenue	489,533.20	
-- Non Revenue	462,910.63	
		<u>952,443.83</u>

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APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Reserved For Expenditure</u>	<u>To Excess & Deficiency.</u>
<u>General Government</u>				
aldermen				
Salary of Clerk	2,206.81	2,205.03		1.78
Other Expenses	3,275.00	2,537.83	165.00	572.17
Portrait of President	75.00		75.00	
Mayor				
Salaries and Wages	7,138.29	7,138.21		.08
Other Expenses	550.00	548.56		1.44
Mayor - Expense	600.00	590.45		9.55
Portrait of Ex-Mayor	75.00	75.00		
Auditor				
Salaries and Wages	13,412.16	13,401.11		11.05
Other Expenses	1,089.00	1,071.29		17.71
Out of State Travel	300.00	300.00		
Treasurer-Collector				
Salaries and Wages	21,141.02	20,877.52		263.50
Other Expenses	6,000.00	5,999.92		.08
Land Court Procedure	40.00	17.50		22.50
Certification of Bonds	2,003.90	2,003.90		
Parking Meter Maintenance	100.00	49.10	50.90*	
Assessors				
Salaries and Wages	15,321.20	15,321.20		
Other Expenses	4,000.00	3,591.92		408.08
Out of State Travel	175.00	144.00		31.00
City Clerk				
Salaries and Wages	14,675.46	14,675.46		
Other Expenses	1,150.00	1,058.98		91.02
Vital Statistics	700.00	407.65		292.35
Out of State Travel	260.00	209.35		50.65
City Physician				
Other Expenses	100.00			100.00
City Solicitor				
Salaries and Wages	3,941.83	3,941.79		.04
Other Expenses	300.00	298.59		1.41
Suits and Claims	300.00	56.19	150.00	93.81
Office Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00		
Revision, Recodification				
Edit. City Ordinances	5,000.00		5,000.00	
Election & Registration				
Salaries and Wages	7,645.63	7,005.20		640.43
Other Expense	5,250.00	5,109.09		140.91
Personnel Board				
Salaries and Wages	1,263.15	1,262.88		.27
Other Expenses	350.00	248.23		101.77
Planning Board				
Other Expenses	400.00	399.24		.76
Fiscal Plan for Melrose	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Board of Appeal				
Salaries and Wages	263.13	263.13		
Other Expenses	150.00	146.64		3.36
Property Valuation Board				
Other Expenses	991.87	595.34	396.53	

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<u>General Government (Continued)</u>	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Reserved For Expenditure</u>	<u>To Excess & Deficiency.</u>
Fence Viewers				
Other Expenses	15.00			15.00
Public Works				
Salaries and Wages	22,968.42	22,968.33		.09
Other Expenses	2,300.00	2,051.35	56.00	192.65
Vacations	12,145.06	12,052.31		92.75
Holidays	8,036.32	7,330.91		705.41
City Yard - Salaries & Wages	2,738.13	2,730.14		7.99
- Improvements	2,118.00	2,114.64		3.36
New Equipment	20,000.00	16,603.54	1,800.00	1,596.46
Overhead Expense	3,999.30 (a)	5,530.10 (b)		1,530.80
Sick Leave	8,132.04	7,909.42		222.62
Parking Meter Maintenance	650.77	643.62	7.15*	
Out of State Travel	200.00	188.36		11.64
Parking Area Rentals	201.20	166.20	35.00*	
Engineers				
Salaries and Wages	18,215.38	18,162.94		52.44
Other Expenses	1,650.00	1,649.79		.21
City Hall				
Salaries and Wages	6,343.78	6,214.34		129.44
Other Expenses	8,250.68	7,713.90	511.90	24.88
Memorial Building				
Salaries and Wages	6,156.47	6,151.13		5.34
Other Expenses	6,377.00	5,874.06	325.00	177.94
<u>Total - General Government</u>	<u>246,492.40</u>	<u>229,295.18</u>	<u>9,572.48</u>	<u>7,624.74</u>

Protection of Persons and
Property

Police Department				
Salaries and Wages	194,449.90	194,071.15		378.75
Other Expenses	4,000.00	3,660.86		339.14
Equipment and Repairs	5,500.00	5,138.34		361.66
Indemnification	468.44	376.07		92.37
Parking Meter Maintenance	8,854.96	8,070.99	783.97*	
Maintenance of Building	5,912.62	5,534.93		377.69
School Traffic Supervisors	10,431.19	10,165.86		265.33
Uniforms	1,500.00	1,445.00		55.00
Out of State Travel	300.00	187.96		112.04
New Cruisers	2,260.00	2,260.00		
Fire Department				
Salaries and Wages	213,543.15	207,878.47		5,664.68
Other Expenses	3,650.00	3,516.07		133.93
Equipment and Repairs	4,800.00	4,781.53		18.47
Repairs to Buildings	2,000.00	1,806.76	185.00	8.24
Fuel and Light	4,150.00	4,031.29		118.71
Rental of Hydrants	11,120.00	11,120.00		
New Hose	800.00	770.10		29.90
New Car - Chief	2,200.00	2,166.65		33.35
Purchase of Service Truck	9,500.00	3,746.24	5,753.76	
Building Department				
Salaries and Wages	11,583.76	11,575.96		7.80
Other Expenses	1,090.00	1,072.99		17.01
Wire Department				
Salaries and Wages	12,433.84	11,788.89		644.95
Other Expenses	325.00	323.48		1.52
Police Signal	1,500.00	1,484.58		15.42
Fire Alarm	2,720.00	2,719.64		.36
Civil Defense				
Expenses	3,952.31	3,874.55	77.76	

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	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Reserved For</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>To Excess &</u> <u>Deficiency.</u>
<u>Protection of Persons and</u>				
<u>Property (Continued)</u>				
Weights and Measures				
Salaries and Wages	1,228.17	1,124.45		103.72
Other Expenses	200.00	186.29		13.71
Forestry				
Care of Trees, etc.	26,159.44	24,721.33		1,438.11
Dog Officer				
Salaries and Wages	631.50	631.50		
Other Expenses	500.00	469.20		30.80
<u>Total Protection of Persons</u>	<u>547,764.28</u>	<u>530,701.13</u>	<u>6,800.49</u>	<u>10,262.66</u>
<u>and Property</u>				

Health and Sanitation

Health Department				
Salaries and Wages	6,232.33	6,215.42		16.91
Other Expenses	1,775.00	1,671.58		103.42
Tuberculosis	4,647.12	2,382.30		2264.82
School Physicians	1,578.75	1,578.57		.18
Public Health Nurses	11,484.46	11,483.89		.57
Inspector of Animals	710.82	710.76		.06
Sanitary Inspector	4,391.83	4,389.35		2.48
Quarantine and Contagious				
Diseases	600.00	585.15		14.85
Care and Disposal of				
Stray Animals	400.00	341.00		59.00
Immunization of Dogs	352.88	352.88		
Transportation of Children				
to Dental Clinic	600.00	580.00		20.00
Dental Clinic-Administration				
Expense	800.00	795.41		4.59
Salaries and Wages	5,988.52	5,519.46		469.06
Care of Premature Infants	1,000.00	813.70		186.30
Laboratory and Education				
Expense	300.00	272.83		27.17
Mosquito Suppression	2,500.00	2,341.96		158.04
Polio Clinic	250.00	177.11		72.89
Out of State Travel	50.00	47.38		2.62

Sanitation

Sewer and Surface Drain				
Construction	28,823.00	25,935.36		2,887.64
Drain Pipe-Slayton Rd.	4.14			4.14
Sewer - Sylvan St.	10,540.93	4,687.81	5,853.12	
Test Borings - Upham Park	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Sewer Maintenance	12,305.82	12,217.14		88.68
Sewer - Mt. Hood Terrace	2,484.34	2,379.42		104.92
Bow Street	328.12	328.12		
Laurel Street	428.11		428.11	
Windsor Street	10,320.00	9,553.53	766.47	
Laurel Street	4,200.00	10.00	4,190.00	
Beech Street	7,700.00	3,977.26	3,722.74	
Carlida Road	3,300.00	1,416.09	1,883.91	
Wheeler Avenue	3,218.99	3,218.99		
Harold Street	1,000.00	983.61		16.39
Conrad Road	6,000.00	3,333.70	2,666.30	
Messenger Court	4,500.00	3,268.41	1,231.59	
Hawley Street	675.00	409.54		265.46
Private Sewer	22,443.86	21,923.13		520.73
Sewer Connections	1,047.20	683.88		363.32
Sewer Connections-				
Betterments	6,928.06	5,531.89		1,396.17
Surface Drain Maintenance	15,625.35	15,215.30		410.05
Collection of Ashes	49,099.05	48,206.53		892.52

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	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Reserved For Expenditure</u>	<u>To Excess & Deficiency.</u>
<u>Health and Sanitation (Cont'd)</u>				
Sanitation				
Improvements to Dump	5,000.00	3,380.68	1,619.32	
Collection of Garbage	29,800.00	29,698.55	20.00	81.45
Street Cleaning	15,457.75	15,205.31		252.44
<u>Total-Health & Sanitation</u>	<u>286,891.43</u>	<u>251,823.00</u>	<u>24,381.56</u>	<u>10,686.87</u>
<u>Highways and Bridges</u>				
Highway Repairing	49,382.32	48,305.50	1,006.29	70.53
Traffic Signs and Markings	5,306.92	5,055.59	150.00	101.33
Traffic Survey Expense	200.00	12.00		188.00
Highway Construction	152,513.40	117,902.60	25,265.90	9344.90
Engineers-Washington St.	364.10			364.10
Chapter 90 Construction	71,028.06	67,083.19		3,944.87
Edgestones-Lebanon St.	5,600.00	4,969.28		630.72
Parking Lot - E.Foster St.	4,914.47	4,867.75	46.72*	
Sylvan Street Easement	1,055.40	92.29		963.11
Parking Lot - Faulkner Pl.	10,000.00	7,616.97	2,383.03	
Sylvan Street Construction	1,207.65	670.65	537.00	
Individual Walks	9,050.93	8,971.85		79.08
Repair of Walks	12,665.20	10,487.96	1,133.74	1,043.50
Continuous Walks	16,826.34	14,656.91	1,175.67	993.76
Snow Removal	25,891.46	18,399.84		7,491.62
Street Lighting	38,936.00	38,936.00		
Traffic Beacons	2,325.00	2,243.70		81.30
Beacon at Tremont Street	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Automotive-Salaries & Wages	1,324.01	1,139.02		184.99
-Other Expense	3,500.00(b)	4,638.91(a)	267.48	871.43
<u>Total-Highways and Bridges</u>	<u>407,091.26</u>	<u>346,772.19</u>	<u>33,965.83</u>	<u>26,353.24</u>
<u>Public Welfare</u>				
General Administration	15,707.26	13,773.87		1,933.39
General Relief	32,500.00	32,476.05		23.95
Disability Assistance	22,000.00	21,737.21		262.79
Old Age Assistance	241,500.00	241,042.88		457.12
Aid to Dependent Children	14,000.00	13,334.10		665.90
Out of State Travel	125.00	125.00		
<u>Total-Public Welfare</u>	<u>325,832.26</u>	<u>322,489.11</u>		<u>3,343.15</u>
<u>Veterans Services</u>				
General Administration	8,623.31	8,184.39		438.92
Other Expense	1,000.00	968.18		31.82
Veterans Benefits	40,000.00	38,633.23		1,366.77
Veterans Burials	450.00	300.00		150.00
<u>Total - Veterans Services</u>	<u>50,073.31</u>	<u>48,085.80</u>		<u>1,987.51</u>
<u>School Department</u>				
Salaries and Wages	1,077,729.00	1,057,112.73	969.00	19,647.27
Other General Expense	11,134.00	10,771.79	69.00	293.21
Textbooks and Supplies	60,017.70	57,983.81	1,907.42	126.47
Plant Maintenance	127,601.00	127,094.58	401.00	105.42
Smith Hughes Fund	153.00	153.00		
Adult Education	7,972.00	6,853.86	76.95	1,041.19
Out of State Travel	350.00	345.18		4.82
Special School Lunch	38,517.82	33,058.25	5,459.57	
Special School Lunch	40,394.77	40,405.81	11.04(a)	
Physical Education Fund	26,692.09	24,609.46	2,082.63	
High School Grading	549.34	423.68	125.66	
High School Driveway	1,800.00		1,800.00	
Baseball Diamond at				
Horace Mann School	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Interior Fire Alarm	2,700.00	1,156.02	1,543.98	
Washington School Boilers	17,000.00	9,900.00	7,100.00	
<u>Total - School Department</u>	<u>1,414,610.72</u>	<u>1,369,868.17</u>	<u>23,524.17</u>	<u>21,218.38</u>

CITY AUDITOR

	Available	Expenses	Reserved For Expenditure	To Excess & Deficiency.
<u>Libraries</u>				
Salaries and Wages	\$46,035.73	\$45,651.43		\$384.30
Other Expenses	2,400.00	2,396.67	3.33(c)	
Books	10,545.40	9,545.87	999.53(c)	
Fuel and Light	1,500.00	1,491.04	8.96(c)	
Building and Janitor	700.00	688.14		11.86
Binding	1,300.00	1,138.45		161.55
Rent	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Out of State Travel	100.00	100.00		
Repairs to Roof	500.00	5.40		494.60
New Equipment	200.00	196.90		3.10
Total - Libraries	64,781.13	62,713.90	1,011.82	1,055.41
<u>Recreation</u>				
<u>Recreation Commission</u>				
Salaries and Wages	5,902.92	6,882.96	19.96	
Other Expenses	1,800.00	1,798.72		1.28
Hallowe'en and July 4th	500.00	499.90		.10
Buses to Swimming Pool	2,000.00	1,494.00		506.00
Gasoline	50.00	42.79		7.21
<u>Pine Banks Park</u>				
Salaries and Wages	8,953.67	8,953.67		
Other Expenses	3,115.00	3,113.84		1.16
Out of State Travel	125.00	125.00		
Sylvan Street Corner	2,765.00	2,764.95		.05
<u>Park Department</u>				
<u>General Administration</u>				
Salaries	10,927.25	10,927.25		
All Other -Sal. & Wages	29,985.76	28,755.57		1,230.19
Holidays,Vacation and Insurance	4,072.00	4,061.45		10.55
Gen.Administ.-Expense	1,000.00	841.57		158.43
All Other Expense	7,000.00	6,320.81	27.65	651.54
Christmas Decorations	150.00	134.10		15.90
Golf Maintenance and Operation	26,549.59	20,701.58	5,848.01* *	
Recreation Bldg.Operation	8,768.68	7,070.33	1,698.35* *	
Athletic Field-Maintenance and Operation	7,291.14	7,014.71		276.43
Ski Tow Maintenance	2,120.68	385.40	1,735.28* *	
Toilet and Field House	418.52	143.55		274.97
Recreation Bldg.at Ell Pond	2,811.71		2,811.71	
Gravel for Rink	637.12		637.12	
Playground Improvements	263.41	24.00	239.41	
Renovate Track	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Construction Skating Rink at Ell Pond	1,467.58	1,039.09	428.49	
Purchase Truck	2,350.00	2,350.00		
Total - Recreation	133,025.03	115,445.24	14,445.98	3,133.81
<u>Pensions</u>				
Police	25,731.57	23,572.21		2,159.36
Fire	28,022.70	27,422.70		600.00
Health	1,800.00	1,800.00		
School	12,919.19	12,919.71		.52(a)
Park	1,290.16	370.65		919.51
Cemetery	2,103.66	2,103.66		
Public Works	29,878.29	29,103.39		774.90
Total - Pensions	101,745.57	97,292.32		4,453.25
<u>Celebrations</u>				
Union Soldiers Graves	450.00	437.35		12.65
Memorial Day - Legion	300.00	300.00		
" " - V. F. W.	300.00	300.00		
" " - D. A. V.	50.00	15.00		35.00
" " - Band	100.00			100.00
Draftees Recognition	300.00	211.33		88.67
Christmas Lighting-City Hall	750.00	750.00		
" " Memorial Bldg.	225.00	225.00		
" " Main Street	550.00		550.00	
Total - Celebrations	3,025.00	2,238.68	550.00	236.32

CITY AUDITOR

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Reserved For Expenditure</u>	<u>To Excess & Deficiency.</u>
<u>Public Service</u>				
Water Maintenance	\$68,182.26	\$67,110.69	\$294.78	\$776.79
New Water Meters	3,000.00	1,941.30	1,014.60	44.10
Malden & Saugus Water Rates	343.55	343.55		
Water Construction	55,172.66	55,010.46		162.20
Water Inside Service	8,724.86	8,578.96		145.90
<u>Total - Public Services</u>	<u>135,423.33</u>	<u>132,984.96</u>	<u>1,309.38</u>	<u>1,128.99</u>

<u>Cemetery -</u>				
Salaries and Wages	35,472.27	34,809.58		662.69
Other Expenses	6,000.00	5,663.88		336.12
Grave Liners	2,550.00	2,521.70		28.30
Drain and Fill Pond	883.97	335.17	548.80	
Fill and Loam	2.37		2.37	
Road Construction	4,392.46	2,897.02	1,495.44	
<u>Total - Cemetery</u>	<u>49,301.07</u>	<u>46,227.35</u>	<u>2,046.61</u>	<u>1,027.11</u>

<u>Interest</u>	<u>8,520.00</u>	<u>8,500.88</u>		<u>19.12</u>
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<u>Bills Payable 1954</u>	<u>10,252.38</u>	<u>9,077.58</u>	<u>475.00</u>	<u>699.80</u>
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<u>Unclassified</u>				
Damage from Hurricane	8,999.90	16,250.95	7,251.05(a)	
Rentals - V. F. W.	700.00	700.00		
Amer. Legion	1,000.00	1,000.00		
D. A. V.	600.00	432.00		168.00
Amvets.	400.00	400.00		
Insurance	21,100.57	21,013.00		87.57
Claims	271.58	271.58		
Print City Report	465.00	463.55		1.45
Publish State Audit	70.00			70.00
Land-Hesseltine School	2,620.00		2,620.00	
Rifle Practice	511.00	251.88		259.12
Ell Pond Improvement	9,606.93	9,088.16		518.77
Cost of Living Increase	693.83			693.83
Land Taking Pine Banks	4,013.83	2,907.71		1,106.12
Fill and Drain - Armory	4,292.35	4,292.35		
Stabilization Fund	1,766.00		1,766.00	
Land Taking - Penny Road	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Architects Fees				
Horace Mann School	2,979.00	2,979.00		
Winthrop School	4,000.00	4,000.00		
Land Taking				
Faulkner Place	5,000.00	6.63	4,993.37	
Winthrop School	1,300.00	9.40	1,290.60	
Addition to Horace Mann Sch.	172,776.00	83,687.53	89,088.47	
Court Judgment		8,500.00	8,500.00(a)	
Fire Damage-Lincoln Sch.	11,178.40	9,896.83	1,281.57	
Flood Damage	1,800.00	6,551.63	4,751.63(a)	
<u>Total - Unclassified</u>	<u>260,144.39</u>	<u>172,702.20</u>	<u>84,537.33</u>	<u>2,904.86</u>

<u>Non Revenue</u>				
Winthrop School Addition	200,000.00	119,497.35	80,502.65	
Fence - West Foster St.	900.00	637.20	262.80	
Beebe School Construction	399,658.80	17,513.62	382,145.18	
Beebe School Land	28,128.52	28,128.52		
<u>Total - Non Revenue</u>	<u>628,687.32</u>	<u>165,776.69</u>	<u>462,910.63</u>	

CITY AUDITOR

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Reserved For</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>To Excess &</u> <u>Deficiency.</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
Payments Applied to Refunds		\$ 5,947.05		
Temporary Loans		1,000,000.00		
County Dog Tax		3,614.40		
Trust Funds		13,580.02		
From Federal Grants:				
Welfare Administration		11,459.05		
Old Age Assistance		145,625.25		
Aid to Dependent Children		13,928.50		
Disability Assistance		12,164.51		
Library Duplicate Fund		738.23		
Cemetery - Perpetual Care		9,700.00		
- Sale of Lots and				
Graves		8,000.00		
Withholding Taxes		258,830.00		
State and County Taxes		304,526.55		
Refunds - Abated Taxes		13,932.41		
- All Other		11,101.92		
Miscellaneous		<u>2.00</u>		
<u>Total Miscellaneous</u>		<u>1,813,149.89</u>		

- * balance returned to Parking Meter Receipts Account
- * " " " Mt. Hood Park Receipts
- a indicates debit balance
- b indicates credit balance
- c balance returned to Library Fines Account

CITY AUDITOR

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Reserved For Expenditure</u>	<u>To Excess & Deficiency.</u>
<u>RECAPITULATION</u>				
General Government	\$246,492.40	\$229,295.18	\$9,572.48	\$7,624.74
Protection of Persons and Property	547,764.28	530,701.13	6,800.49	10,262.66
Health and Sanitation	286,891.43	251,823.00	24,381.56	10,686.87
Highways	407,091.26	346,772.19	33,965.83	26,353.24
Welfare	325,832.26	322,489.11		3,343.15
Veterans Services	50,073.31	48,085.80		1,987.51
Education	1,414,610.72	1,369,868.17	23,524.17	21,218.38
Libraries	64,781.13	62,713.90	1,011.82	1,055.41
Recreation	133,025.03	115,445.24	14,445.98	3,133.81
Pensions	101,745.57	97,292.32		4,453.25
Celebrations	3,025.00	2,238.68	550.00	236.32
Public Service	135,423.33	132,984.96	1,309.38	1,128.99
Cemetery	49,301.07	46,227.35	2,046.61	1,027.11
Interest	8,520.00	8,500.88		19.12
Bills Payable	10,252.38	9,077.58	475.00	699.80
Unclassified	260,144.39	172,702.20	84,537.33	2,904.86
Non-Revenue	628,687.32	165,776.69	462,910.63	
Contributory Retirement System	46,832.18	46,832.18		
Miscellaneous		1,813,149.89		
	4,720,493.06	5,771,976.45	665,531.28	96,135.22

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

January 31, 1956

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the City Clerk's Department for the year 1955 follows:

The amounts received by the City Clerk for fees for official services from January 1, 1955, to December 31, 1955, were as follows:-

For recording and indexing fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses	\$ 154.50
For recording and indexing dog licenses	352.60
For recording marriage certificates	476.00
For licenses to keep and store gasoline and other inflammable materials, and for filing certificates of registration of such licenses	1,765.50
For miscellaneous licenses	669.00
For copies of records, etc.	601.30
For recording and indexing mortgages of personal property and other instruments	2,146.12
Total Receipts	<u>\$6,172.02</u>
Less refunds	30.00
Total net receipts paid into City Treasury	<u>\$6,142.02</u>

The sum of \$3,983.00 has been received by this department for dog licenses issued from January 1, 1955, to December 31, 1955, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

For 871 male dogs at \$2.00 each	\$1,742.00
*For 130 female dogs at \$5.00 each	645.00
*For 799 spayed female dogs at \$2.00 each	1,596.00
Total received for dog licenses	<u>\$3,983.00</u>

* One female dog license and one spayed female dog license were issued without charge for seeing-eye dogs.

In addition to the above, 19 licenses were issued without charge for dogs owned by persons serving in the armed forces.

Of the above amount received for dog licenses, \$3,623.40 was paid to the County of Middlesex, and \$359.60, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

CITY CLERK

The sum of \$2,056.50 has been received for fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses issued from January 1, 1955, to December 31, 1955, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

Resident Citizen Fishing licenses, 363 at \$3.25 each ...	\$1,179.75
Resident Citizen Hunting licenses, 125 at \$3.25 each ...	406.25
Resident Citizen Sporting licenses, 60 at \$5.25 each ...	315.00
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing licenses, 26 at \$1.25 each	32.50
Resident Citizen Female Fishing licenses, 40 at \$2.25 each	90.00
Resident Citizen Trapping licenses, 2 at \$7.75 each	15.50
Non-Resident Citizen or Alien Fishing licenses, 2 at \$7.75 each	15.50
Duplicate licenses, 4 at \$.50 each	2.00
Resident Citizen (over 70) Sporting licenses - 20 (free)	00.00
Total	\$2,056.50

Of the above amount, \$1,902.00 has been paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game, and the balance of \$154.50, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded

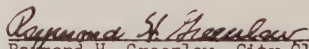
Children born in Melrose of Melrose Parents	347
Children born outside of Melrose of Melrose parents	207
Children born in Melrose of non-resident parents	927
Total number of births recorded	1,481

Marriages recorded

Both parties resident and solemnized in Melrose	35
Both parties resident and solemnized elsewhere in state ..	10
Both parties resident and solemnized out of state	4
One party resident and solemnized in Melrose	77
One party resident and solemnized elsewhere in state	108
One party resident and solemnized out of state	6
Both parties non-resident and solemnized in Melrose	19
Total number of marriages recorded.....	259

Deaths recorded

Melrose residents occurring in Melrose	200
Melrose residents occurring elsewhere	112
Non-residents occurring in Melrose	171
Non-residents occurring elsewhere and buried in Melrose ..	2
Total number of deaths recorded	485


Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk

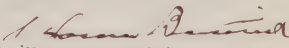
REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report as City Treasurer and Collector for the year 1955.

Respectfully submitted,


S. Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

CITY TREASURER CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1955

Cash in Bank and Office, January 1, 1955	\$ 349,818.67
Receipts, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955	6,374,601.61
	<u>\$6,724,420.28</u>

Payments, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955	\$5,771,976.45
Balance, Cash in Bank and Office December 31, 1955	952,443.83
	<u>\$6,724,420.28</u>

LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized by Aldermanic Order #11307	\$1,000,000.00
Notes paid in 1955	1,000,000.00
Balance due in 1956	<u>000.00</u>
Rate of discount, average	.643%

TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 667.20	
Added during 1955	<u>811.14</u>	\$ 1,478.34
Redemptions and Foreclosures	\$ 87.98	
Balance, December 31, 1955	<u>1,390.36</u>	<u>\$ 1,478.34</u>

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

FUNDS HELD BY THE CITY TREASURER CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	CASH	SECURITIES	TOTAL
In fund, January 1, 1955	\$ 22,755.36	\$256,749.00	\$279,504.36
In fund, December 31, 1955	<u>24,155.36</u>	<u>264,749.00</u>	<u>288,904.36</u>

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

City of Melrose, Collections		\$ 9,700.00	
Securities sold:			
Cambria and Clearfield Railroad		\$ 14,000.00	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1955			
Savings Banks	\$ 20,000.00		
Melrose Trust Company	<u>2,755.36</u>	<u>\$ 22,755.36</u>	<u>\$ 46,455.36</u>

Payments

Securities purchased:			
Niagara Mohawk Power Company		\$ 10,000.00	
Melrose Co-operative Bank		4,000.00	
Middleboro Co-operative Bank		4,000.00	
Concord Co-operative Bank		<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,000.00</u>
Premiums Paid			300.00
Cash on hand, December 31, 1955	\$		
Savings Banks	24,000.00		
Melrose Trust Company	<u>155.36</u>	<u>\$ 24,155.36</u>	<u>\$ 46,455.36</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 1,345.66	
Income from Securities	<u>9,657.48</u>	<u>\$ 11,003.14</u>

Payments

Interest paid on securities purchased	\$ 22.15	
Melrose Trust Company; Box Rent	10.00	
Refund	18.12	
City of Melrose, Income	9,709.47	
Balance, December 31, 1955	<u>1,243.40</u>	<u>\$ 11,003.14</u>

INVESTMENTS IN FUND

Railroads	\$ 52,000.00	
Utilities	\$146,000.00	
Cooperative Banks	\$ 18,000.00	
Bank Stocks	\$ 27,749.00	
Government Bonds	\$ 21,000.00	
Savings Banks	\$ 24,000.00	
Cash	\$ 155.36	\$288,904.36

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

WYOMING CEMETERY FLOWER FUND
(Cemetery Department)

Income received	\$ 84.08	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 84.08
	<u>\$ 84.08</u>	<u>\$ 84.08</u>

SALE OF LOTS & GRAVES
(Cemetery Department)

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 6,401.51	
Collections, 1955	8,000.00	
Income	234.64	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 4,000.00
Balance, December 31, 1955		10,636.15
	<u>\$14,636.15</u>	<u>\$14,636.15</u>

OSCAR F. FROST FUND
(Cemetery Department)

Income received	\$ 35.52	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 35.52
	<u>\$ 35.52</u>	<u>\$ 35.52</u>

WILLIAM BAILEY LIBRARY FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount \$2500.00

Income received	\$ 75.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 75.00
	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

WILLIAM EMERSON BARRETT FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount \$75.00

Income received	\$ 2.26	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 2.26
	<u>\$ 2.26</u>	<u>\$ 2.26</u>

HORATIO NELSON PERKINS FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount \$500.00

Income received	\$ 15.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 15.00
	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>

CURRIER FUND
(Welfare Department)

Amount in fund December 31, 1955		\$24,763.39
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Securities:

Charlestown Savings Bank	\$ 619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank	647.01	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Melrose Savings Bank	14,599.63	
New York Central Railroad	2,000.00	
19 Shares First National Bank, Boston	1,067.00	
Southern Railroad	5,000.00	
	<u>\$24,763.39</u>	

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 128.83	
Income from Investments	979.95	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 850.00
Melrose Trust Company; Box Rent		5.00
Balance, December 31, 1955		253.78
	<u>\$ 1,108.78</u>	<u>\$ 1,108.78</u>

ANDREW J. BURNETT MEMORIAL FUND
(Welfare Department)
Fund amount \$2000.00

Income received	\$ 60.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 60.00
	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u>

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

MARGARET BAKEMAN WING

MEMORIAL AWARD FUND

(School Department)

1 Share American Telephone & Telegraph Stock

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 91.95	
Income	13.49	
Paid, School Department		\$ 5.00
Balance, December 31, 1955		100.44
	\$ 105.44	\$ 105.44

STALKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
(School Department)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Amount in fund December 31, 1955 \$ 13,023.90

Securities:

Seattle Gas Company	\$5,000.00	
Pacific Gas & Electric Company	1,000.00	
American Telephone & Telegraph Company	3,000.00	
Arkansas Power & Light Company	2,000.00	
Public Service of New Hampshire	1,000.00	
Montana Power Company	1,000.00	
Melrose Savings Bank	23.90	\$ 13,023.90

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 443.01	
Income from securities	436.04	\$ 879.05

Payments

School Department, Tuition	\$ 300.00	
Balance, December 31, 1955	579.05	\$ 879.05

COMMUNITY CIVICS FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount \$50.00

Income received	\$ 1.50	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 1.50
	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50

SARAH E FITCH FUND
(School Department)

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 556.46	
Income	16.80	
Balance, December 31, 1955		\$ 573.26
	\$ 573.26	\$ 573.26

LEVI S GOULD FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount \$1000.00

Income received	\$ 30.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 30.00
	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00

NORMAN HESSELTINE FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount \$100.00

Income received	\$ 3.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 3.00

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

200TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN OF MELROSE

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$	56.05	
Income		2.19	
Balance, December 31, 1955	\$	<u>58.24</u>	\$ 58.24

GEORGE EMERSON FUND

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$10,858.44	
Income	405.72	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$ 1,050.00
Balance, December 31, 1955		10,214.16
	<u>\$11,264.16</u>	<u>\$11,264.16</u>

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL BUILDING
(\$10,000 Corporate Stock - City of New York)

Dividends received by City of Melrose	\$	400.00	
Paid John C. F. Slayton Fund			\$ 400.00
	\$	<u>400.00</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>

SARAH E CHEVER FUND
(Sewall Woods Park)
Fund amount \$1500.00)

Income received	\$	45.00	
Paid, City of Melrose			\$ 45.00
	\$	<u>45.00</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$61,678.71	
Income	1,265.89	
Paid, City of Melrose		\$62,944.60
Balance, December 31, 1955		44.60
	<u>\$62,944.60</u>	<u>\$62,944.60</u>

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

School Bonds issued May 1, 1955	\$600,000.00
Maturing 1956-1960; 5 # \$120,000.00	\$600,000.00

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1955

TAXES:

1952

Poll	\$	2.00	
Personal		16.14	
Real Estate		<u>70.90</u>	\$ 89.04

1953

Poll		24.00	
Personal		84.48	
Real Estate		<u>2,407.68</u>	2,516.16

1954

Poll		64.00	
Personal		1,322.01	
Real Estate		<u>52,045.27</u>	53,431.28

1955

Poll		14,356.00	
Personal		184,131.59	
Real Estate		<u>2,380,139.38</u>	2,578,626.97

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1951		2.00	
1953		568.83	
1954		23,679.13	
1955		<u>291,576.37</u>	315,826.33

APPORTIONED SEWER

1953 (added to taxes)		79.78	
1954 (added to taxes)		420.11	
1955 (added to taxes)		9,113.11	
1955 (paid in advance)		<u>6,677.70</u>	16,290.70

APPORTIONED SIDEWALK

1954 (added to taxes)		48.00	
1955 (added to taxes)		3,246.00	
1955 (paid in advance)		<u>1,812.47</u>	5,106.47

APPORTIONED STREET

1954 (added to taxes)		341.42	
1955 (added to taxes)		8,680.98	
1955 (paid in advance)		<u>14,322.37</u>	23,344.77

COMMITTED INTEREST:

1953		19.44	
1954		225.79	
1955		<u>6,796.27</u>	7,041.50

GENERAL INTEREST

Taxes		1,944.72	
Motor Vehicle Excise		252.31	
Assessments		<u>28.07</u>	2,225.10

COLLECTOR'S COSTS

MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES			798.08
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BETTERMENT RELEASES			1,332.00
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GENERAL WATER RATES			24.00
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			190,648.22
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CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

DEPARTMENTAL - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Estate of Deceased Persons		462.20
Police Department		
Ambulance Fund		468.70
Memorial Building		
Rental		2,827.05
Health Department		
T. B.	\$ 2,065.29	
Premature Babies	<u>40.00</u>	2,105.29
Public Welfare Department		
General Relief	\$ 4,712.38	
Old Age Assistance	181,036.30	
Aid to Dependent Children	8,646.34	
Disability Assistance Adm.	<u>13,926.03</u>	208,321.05
Public Works Department		
Private Sewer	3,186.94	
Highway Repairing, Construction	2,720.79	
Individual Walks	252.40	
Water Inside Service	782.33	
Water Maintenance	4.00	
Care of Trees	611.15	
Hydrant Rental	11,120.00	
City Hall Rental	900.00	
Traffic Beacons	<u>297.89</u>	19,875.50
School Department		
Rental	110.00	
Tuition	<u>5,148.02</u>	5,258.02
Veteran's Services:		
Veteran's Benefits & Services		17,152.94
		\$3,453,71.37

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

April 23, 1956

Hon. Lawrence W. Lloyd,
Mayor,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Dear sir:

I herewith respectfully submit the annual report
of the Dog Officer for the year of 1955.

Complaints received and investigated of barking dogs	12
Complaints received and investigated of biting dogs	68
Complaints received and investigated of vicious dogs	8
Other complaints received and investigated	20

Number of dogs licensed in Melrose as of 12/31/55 Males
871--Females 130--Spayed Females 799--Seeing eye 2 free
licenses--Military 19 free licenses.

Respectfully submitted,


Ernest W. Rivers
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year 1955.

Organization

The Fire Department consists of four companies.

Engine Company #1
Engine Company #2 ("Quad")
Engine Company #3
Aerial Ladder #1

Personnel

Chief of Department
1 - Acting Master Mechanic
5 - Captains
4 - Lieutenants
43 - Privates

Equipment

Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine	Installed	1946
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine	Installed	1946
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine ("Quad")	Installed	1953
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine	Installed	1929
Peter - Pirsch Aerial Ladder	Installed	1935
Mack Service Rescue Truck	Installed	1939
Dodge Chief's Car	Installed	1955
Ford $\frac{1}{2}$ ton pick-up truck	Installed	1954
Boat rescue unit fully equipped		
International - 500 gal. pumper & hose wagon	Auxiliary	
4 - Trailer hose wagons	Auxiliary	
Trailer lighting plant	Auxiliary	

All apparatus fully equipped with emergency and fire fighting tools.

Hose

Number of feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose	10,950
Number of feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose	5,450
Number of feet of booster hose	3,100
Number of feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " dump hose	100
All hose tested at 200 pounds pressure.	

Hose Condemned 1955

Number of feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose	200
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FIRE DEPARTMENT
Alarms and Special Calls

Total number of bell alarms	204
Total number of still alarms	270
Total number of emergency calls	270
Total number of false alarms	13
Apparatus called out of the city	53

Apparatus called out of the city

Malden	34
Wakefield	12
Stoneham	5
Saugus	2

Mutual aid calls to Melrose

Malden	19
Wakefield	23
Stoneham	4
Reading	1
Lynn	2
Revere	1

Inspections

Number of Building	901
Number of Oil Burner	601
Number of Tank	72
Number of Paint, Varnish etc.	35
Number of Liquid Gas	6
Number of Blasting	47
Number of Garage	35
Number of Incinerator and Burning	162

Permits Granted

Storage of Oil	359
Class A Inflammables	49
Explosives for Blasting	48
Liquid - Bottled Gas	12

Extinguishers refilled

Soda & Acid	255
Foamite	26
Carbon Tet.	45

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment Used

Number of feet of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose laid	20,150
Number of feet of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose laid	9,850
Number of feet of ladders raised	2,726
Number of covers used	18
Number of pounds of co2 used	233.55
Number of hours lighting plant used	18
Resuscitator - Inhalator used	18
Number of tanks of oxygen used	16
Gas masks	19
Red Cross heart mask	12
Smoke ejector	18
Pounds of oil dry	210
Rubber gloves	6
Portable pumps	800
Wire cutters	13
Total pumping hours of apparatus	79

Special Work

Brush	125
Electric motor	9
Overtured flares	14
Lockouts	33
Unlock car doors	7
Heart cases	12
Gasoline on street	3
Refrigerator leaks	13
Remove wire from building	4
Remove child from cliff	2
Move patient	7
Water leak	6
Gas leak	5
Baby choking	2
Remove boy to hospital	1
Auto Accident	8
Roof leak	2
Cat in tree	7
Gas cases	1
Bell stuck	1
Cat in partition	1
Tow automobile	1
Shut off electricity	2
Pump cellars	800
Boy in pond	1
Dog in pond	1
Flooded boiler	1
Bird in gutter of house	1
Rope in flag pole	1
Gas odors	6
Relieved water conditions	480
Child in manhole	1

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Loss Buildings & Contents

Number of buildings damaged	.....	25
Value of buildings	.....	726,700.00
Loss on buildings	.....	44,613.50
Insurance on buildings	.....	3,070,000.00
Insurance paid on buildings	.....	44,613.50
Value of contents	.....	40,500.00
Loss on contents	.....	7,740.00
Insurance on contents	.....	39,500.00
Insurance paid on contents	.....	7,740.00
Total fire loss - buildings & contents	.....	\$52,353.50

Emergency Calls

During the year of 1955, the department was called upon to perform many extra emergencies. The regular department augmented by members of the auxiliary pumped out over 800 basements and relieved the water conditions in 475 additional homes during the severe floods of August and September. In addition to pumping cellars, many roofs were covered and other emergency work was performed. Through complete team work of various departments, the emergencies created during these floods were quickly and efficiently terminated.

Fire Prevention Program

The Fire Prevention Program was continued throughout 1955 with very successful results. An added feature of this program was the detailing by the chief of the department a captain and lieutenant to each school in the city to give lectures and demonstrations of fire prevention and fire protection during fire prevention week. A special fire prevention and fire protection program was initiated in our industrial plants, especially those involving electronics. This type of occupancies required a special and detailed program.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Civil Defense Program

This report would be sadly lacking if acknowledgment of the assistance by the Civil Defense Auxiliary Fire Department during the past year were to be omitted. Space does not permit an adequate account of the activities of this group which has not only trained itself to an amazingly high pitch of efficiency, but has willingly, spontaneously and without urging, volunteered its services without thought of recompense on every occasion it could be helpful, and there have been many, including in particular day and night pumping during the floods which harassed so many citizens, assistance at fires, the burning over of dangerously dried grass plots and stand-by duty at those times that our regular apparatus was called out of Melrose on the mutual aid system. Practise has been maintained on all types of equipment including the aerial ladder truck, gas mask drills, use of resuscitator and life gun equipment. Their efforts have run into thousands of hours and have given the citizens of this city a most valuable added protection. Needless to say, the Auxiliary Fire Department has my deepest appreciation and, I am sure, that of the Director of Civil Defense, Mr. Lawrence E. Lovejoy. We both feel that we have an outstanding auxiliary in which we may justly take great pride.

Conclusion

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to his Honor, the Mayor, to the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and to all other departments for their assistance in all matters pertaining to the Fire Department. To the officers and the men of the department who rendered efficient service at all hours of the day and night, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney C. Field

Chief of Department.

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen of the
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The work of the Law Department during the calendar year 1955 has consisted of preparation of opinions requested by the several departments of the City, conferences with the Board of Aldermen and its committees and with the Mayor, the drafting of deeds, examination of titles where property has been taken by eminent domain or where an easement in property has been taken by eminent domain, investigation and settlement or trial of claims and suits against the City, both actions of tort and claims for land damages.

The greater number of suits brought for damages arising out of takings by eminent domain have been disposed of by settlement.

Several hearings have been attended before the Appellate Tax Board in connection with petitions for abatement of taxes assessed by the City on real estate.

Several suits have been brought, some of which have been tried and others compromised, and others are pending, for the recovery of moneys from the estates of decedents on account of taxes abated during the lives of the owners or on account of aid furnished to the decedents.

As a matter of routine, various contracts and other documents have been drafted or studied, and modified or approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "A. Van Allen Thomason". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "A" and "T".

City Solicitor

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

To His Honor the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Memorial Building herewith submit their Annual Report for the year 1955.

This past year has seen numerous new renters of the building, along with the usual civic organizations which have used the building annually over a period of many years. This shows a most pleasing atmosphere, and it is hope that this will continue in the future. At time it has kept the building personnel very busy, especially if the movable seats had to be moved either in or out of the auditorium as the situation required. There have been concerts, recitals, dance classes, district club meetings, conventions, charity events, and other rentals by local organizations.

During the past year the Trustees have seen that the following improvements and renovations have been completed - roof repairs, including hurricane damage, chair parts replaced, where breakage occurred, extensive interior painting in various rooms of the building, floor cleaning and waxing throughout the entire structure, and finally, the installation of a new set of doors at the rear exit on the south side of the building. This final item was absolutely necessary, as the original doors installed in 1912 when the building was erected, are now completely worthless.

As for the exterior of the building, there was little to be done, since some items have been completed during the last two years, but it is now the plan of the Trustees to do the exterior painting of all the woodwork during the coming year, and to institute a plan of pointing the masonry in sections over a period of some five years, thereby eventually completing this needed work, and insuring a better building with respect to the interior atmospheric dampness, which causes periodic necessity for repainting of the walls next to the outer surface of the building.

At present the building is in good condition, with the exception of the outside lobby entrance on the front south side of the building. The Trustees are now considering plans to replace this present structure with much lighter construction, but with a similar kind of protection to patrons entering this lobby or principal entrance, to events held in either the Auditorium, or in the Grand Army Hall. It is hope this will be completed during the coming year.

MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Salaries and Wages:

Appropriation	\$5,722.00	
Additional Appropriation (Order #11334A)	264.00	
Transfer from Other Expenses	<u>130.00</u>	\$6,116.00
Expended		<u>6,110.66</u>
Balance		\$ 5.34

Other Expenses:

Appropriation	\$6,507.00	
Less Transfer to Salaries and Wages	<u>130.00</u>	\$6,377.00
Expended		<u>6,198.96</u>
Balance		\$ 178.04

Respectfully submitted

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL BUILDING

Harold T. Mangerson
Chairman

REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The forty-sixth Annual Report of the Park Commission is submitted herewith with a detailed report of the Superintendent of the Park Department.

We feel that our mild winter (7th mildest in a row) again hampered our efforts in providing the desired winter sports program.

Hurricane work from last year was continued in Sewall Woods and Mount Hood Parks.

A rotary mower and truck were purchased for our Park and Playground work, and a Verti-Cut machine for the Golf Course.

The hot, humid summer together with October, the wettest in 23 years and the fourth wettest in history was not too conducive for the enthusiastic golfers.

It was however, the concensus of opinion that all in all a good year was enjoyed.

Almost constant use was made of the ball fields and tennis courts.

Work was continued at Conant Playground enlarging the area with the hope of having another baseball diamond. This will be possible if enough fill can be obtained to bring the lowland up to grade.

The Members of the Park Commission take this opportunity to express their appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold W. Poble
Harold W. Poble, Chairman
For the Park Commission

PARK DEPARTMENT

Mr. Harold W. Poole, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Board of Park Commissioners

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit to the Park Commissioners my Annual Report for the year 1955, together with the financial statement which is part of the report, giving in detail the Department's operations and expenses.

1955 ANNUAL REPORT

As the weather is a climaxing factor in this Department the following is of interest:-

December '54 was clear and cold with a total of 10.3 inches of precipitation.

January was the driest in 84 years, total precipitation of 0.92 inches. It was cold too with the minimum temperature below freezing on every day except one.

February with Spring-like weather made it the 7th mildest winter in a row with a three-month average of 31.6 degrees. Four days of wind from the 10th through the 13th, velocity was as high as 56 miles an hour.

March in spite of snow storms during the first of the month it was cold with the usual March winds.

April a northeast storm obscured the sun for nine straight days.

May was the fourth warmest in history and the driest in nine years. Temperature went to 80 degrees on eight days.

June had 80 and 90 degree temperatures, 11 days with rain or showers.

July was the second hottest month in Boston's history with 11 days of above 90 degrees.

August Hurricane Diane made this the wettest month in history, with a total rainfall of 17.09 inches, or the equivalent of five months' normal precipitation.

September the thermometer continued to climb to 80 and 90 degrees. On the 18th rose to a high of 90 degrees in Boston at 4:15 P.M., equalled the record high set for the date in 1906. It was the 28th day this year that the thermometer hit 90 or above.

October the wettest in 23 years and the fourth wettest in history.

November coldest in 8 years with 2.5 inches of snow, the first measurable amount in this month in 6 years and the heaviest amount recorded so early in the season since 1894.

PARK DEPARTMENT

The above normal weather conditions during the winter season (December '54-January-February) again interferred in providing winter sports.

Although this was a mild winter, with a three month average temperature of 31.6 degrees , it was cooler than the preceding six.

TOTAL SKATING DAYS 1954 - 1955 SEASON

Ell Pond.....	21
Ell Pond Rink.....	22
Common Playground.....	34
Conant Playground.....	34
Hesseltine Playground.....	27
Lebanon Playground.....	33
Lincoln Playground.....	36
Messenger's Playground.....	29
Mt. Hood Pond No. 1.....	22
Mt. Hood Pond No. 2.....	22
Mt. Hood Pond No. 3.....	22
Swain's Pond.....	17

SKI TOW

Sessions (Afternoon) 1-(March)
Sessions (Evening) 4-(Dec 2)-(March 2)

COASTING

Mt. Hood Park..7 Days-(Dec-4 - March 3)

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

The hurricane work was continued, at least 50 trees, broken limbs, debris' removed from Sewall Woods Park; limbs and other debris' from the other Parks throughout the City ; along the Tower Road, Fairways and woods at Mount Hood Park; Ell Pond Knoll and along Crystal Street.

Tennis Courts on the Common Playground were ready for play 5th of April; three on the Boulevard on the 16th three on the 18th; Lincoln, the 22nd and Messenger's 25th. All had heavy play during the entire summer season.

Permanent basketball standards were erected on three of the Playgrounds where available space existed; ball fields and areas were kept in readiness for the various Leagues and other ball games.

PARK DEPARTMENT

A rotary mower purchased for rough cutting on Parks Playgrounds and the Ell Pond area.

Due to a traffic hazard some of the overgrown evergreens were removed and replaced at Thompson Park (corner of Lynde and Main Streets).

Walk at Bowden Park that ran parallel with Vinton Street was discontinued, thus eliminating washout on walk caused from heavy rains; an unnecessary driveway at Ell Pond Main Street was discontinued and seeded over; and excavation work on the Hockey Rink on Parkway.

Late in the fall received between 400 and 500 yds of fill from street development which helped to continue the work of enlarging the Conant Playground, more fill will be necessary however, in order to bring the lowland up to grade so that another baseball diamond can be laid out in this location; top-dressed and sodded some of the Parks and areas; replaced doors at Storage Building with overhead doors as present ones had rotted out from weather conditions.

ATHLETIC FIELD AND FIELD HOUSE

Repaired and replaced planking under ramp on Bleachers on South side of field; painted Bleachers on North and South sides of football field; painted Press Box; had a cinder block ticket booth built at northeast gate, next year will have another one built on the East side of the field; installed 12 new lockers in Field House; purchased and installed Plaque on Varsity side of Field House; Lions Club held their Fourth Annual Horse Show in May; the C.Y.O. held a "Youth on Parade" Drum and Bugle Corp competition affair in September; football field and baseball diamond top-dressed; field marked for track, tag football, baseball, softball and football play.

CLUBHOUSE

Installed new ceramic tile on floors and walls in men's shower room, plan to complete this work next year by installing same on ceiling; repaired leak in roof; replaced some of the siding that had rotted out; seeded area in back of building where '54 hurricanes took three very large trees; installed electric outlets in kitchen and counter of restaurant, and special storm sash for the large window in kitchen.

PARK DEPARTMENT

GOLF COURSE

On March 30th the Golfers enjoyed their first day of the Golf Season. But the Course did not officially open until the first day of April.

April 19th marked the 19th consecutive day of rain. August 19th Hurricane Diane left our areas pretty well flooded with a record three-day rainfall of 12.47 inches, 7.06 inches falling on the 19th alone when all precipitation records were broken.

Due to an extremely hot and rainy summer many golfers had to curtail their Golf activities.

A new ramp built to 11th Tee; eliminated steps in front of 6th Tee; replaced same with gravel fill; graded and seeded area on 2nd Fairway where pipe line was laid; enlarged 12th Tee; raised approximately 1/2 of 8th Green to take care of bad drainage problem; filled in and seeded unnecessary sand trap at 8th Green; resodded No. 1 - 2 3 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 11 - 13 - 14 and 17th Tees as well as other areas on Golf Course; purchased a Verti-Cut machine necessary spray work on Fairways and Greens due to Japanese Beetle infestation; and on Sunday, October 2nd the Melrose Hospital Tournament was held under the auspices of the Mount Hood Golf Association.

MOUNT HOOD PARK

Installed two more railings at steps in front of the Clubhouse; replaced trees and shrubs on North side (front) of building, using stock from Nursery.

The Annual Sunrise Service held at Slayton Memorial Tower on Easter Sunday morning; picnicking and fishing continued to be a source of interest with both the Teen-Agers and older folk; coasting, skating and skiing are the other sports that affords much interest whenever the opportunity and conditions warrant with the No. 1 Pond and No. 1 Fairway lighted for the evening activities, and there were weddings, socials and other activities which were held in, "The George W. Rogers Memorial Hall".

SOURCE OF REVENUE	1955
Subscriptions.....	\$ 10,097.50
Daily Fees.....	13,966.50
Locker Rentals.....	700.00
Transient Lockers, Soap & Towels....	431.45
Hall Rentals.....	3,582.50
Fireplace Permits & Wood.....	323.25
Ski Tow.....	64.50
Concessions.....	438.00
Rentals, Telephone, Electricity, Etc...	338.25
	<u>\$ 29,941.95</u>

PARK DEPARTMENT

In closing may I express my sincere appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor and the members of the Park Commission, all of whom have given whole-hearted co-operation throughout the year.

To the Board of Aldermen members and heads of Departments for their help and assistance in many ways.

I want to commend all persons working in the Department for their loyal support and interest in their many and varied duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis J. McKean
Superintendent of Parks

PARK DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - SALARIES & WAGES

Appropriation.....	\$ 10,850.54
Expenditures:-	
Payrolls.....	<u>\$ 10,850.54</u>

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - OTHER EXPENSES

Appropriation.....	\$ 1,000.00
Expenditures:-	
Office Supplies.....	\$ 391.77
Insurance.....	165.36
Telephone.....	232.36
Printing - Advertising.....	52.08
	<u>\$ 841.57</u>
Unexpended Balance...	<u>\$ 158.43</u>

ALL OTHER SALARIES & WAGES

Appropriation.....	\$ 29,782.50
Expenditures:-	
Payrolls.....	<u>\$ 28,552.31</u>
Unexpended Balance...	<u>\$ 1,230.19</u>

ALL OTHER EXPENSES

Appropriation.....	\$ 7,000.00
Refunds.....	8.32
	<u>\$ 7,008.32</u>
Expenditures:-	
Automotive Maintenance.....	\$ 1,067.03
Automotive Insurance.....	385.98
Labor Insurance.....	851.88
Printing & Advertising.....	50.27
Loam, Fertilizer, Grass Seed, Etc.....	434.28
Playground Maintenance.....	781.62
Paint, Hardware & Lumber.....	195.63
Tools & Repairs.....	1,365.83
Electricity.....	104.09
Repairs Buildings.....	454.75
Water, Service.....	122.76
Fuel, Heat & Service.....	252.52
Plants, Seedlings, Etc.....	105.57
Sand - Playgrounds.....	30.62
Paint Flagpoles.....	152.65
	<u>\$ 6,355.48</u>
Unexpended Balance...	<u>\$ 652.84</u>

PARK DEPARTMENT

ATHLETIC FIELD - RENOVATE TRACK

Carried From 1952.....\$ 1,000.00

Same Carried to 1956

ATHLETIC FIELD & FIELD HOUSE - MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

Appropriation.....\$ 7,282.00

Expenditures:-

Salaries & Insurance.....	\$ 4,160.41
Tools & Repairs.....	585.69
Fuel Oil - Service.....	231.79
Janitor & Building Supplies.....	385.32
Electricity.....	73.12
Water - Service.....	160.26
Loam, Lime, Fertilizer, Etc.....	377.15
Paint Bleachers, Etc.....	418.00
Winterize Building & Connect.....	138.83
Ticket Booth.....	475.00
	<u>\$ 7,005.57</u>

Unexpended Balance... \$ 276.43

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Appropriation.....\$ 150.00

Expenditures.....\$ 134.10

Unexpended Balance... \$ 15.90

GOLF MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

Appropriation From, " Mt. Hood Park Receipts ".....\$ 26,545.00

Refunds.....87.78

\$ 26,632.78

Expenditures:-

Salaries & Wages.....	\$ 16,450.00
Bonds - Insurance.....	453.42
Printing - Advertising.....	264.61
Golf Supplies.....	487.57
Automotive & Insurance.....	807.99
Tools, Supplies & Repairs.....	438.01
Fertilizers - Fungicides.....	434.63
Loam, Sand, Etc.....	381.33
Laundry, Soap & Towels.....	281.37
Repairs Buildings, Shelters, Etc.....	354.76
Water - Service.....	1.82
New Equipment.....	360.00
Equipment Rental.....	69.26
	<u>\$ 20,764.77</u>

Balance to, "Mt. Hood Park Receipts"...\$ 5,848.01

PARK DEPARTMENT

HOCKEY RINK GRAVEL FILL & REPAIRING

Balance From 1953.....\$ 637.12

Same Carried to 1956

HOLIDAYS - LABOR VACATION - INSURANCE

Appropriation.....\$ 4,065.00
Expenditures.....\$ 4,054.45
Unexpended Balance....\$ 10.55

HURRICANE DAMAGE

Expenditures:-
Payrolls & Insurance.....\$ 4,561.96
Tools & Supplies.....155.03
\$ 4,716.99

NEW HOCKEY RINK - ELL POND

Balance From 1954.....\$ 1,467.58
Expenditures:-
Rental of Equipment.....\$ 1,035.00
4.09
\$ 1,039.09
Balance to 1956.....\$ 428.49

OPERATION RECREATION BUILDING

Appropriation From, "Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts"...\$ 8,735.00
Expenditures:-
Salaries & Insurance.....\$ 4,507.32
Fuel Oil & Services.....840.01
Printing & Advertising.....31.88
Janitor & Building Supplies.....309.33
Water - Service.....89.80
Electricity.....280.58
Repairs.....210.73
Tile - Men's Shower Room.....767.00
\$ 7,036.65
Balance to, "Mt. Hood Park Receipts"...\$ 1,698.35

PARK DEPARTMENT

PARKS - PLAYGROUNDS - BEACH IMPROVEMENT

Balance.....	\$	263.41
Expenditures:-		
Rental Equipment.....	\$	24.00
Balance to 1956.....	\$	<u>239.41</u>

RECREATION BUILDING - ELL POND

Balance.....	\$	2,811.71
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Same Carried to 1956

SKI TOW MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

Appropriation From, "Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts".....	\$	2,117.50
Refunds - Gasoline.....		<u>1.30</u>
	\$	2,118.80

Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Insurance.....	\$	200.00
Supplies & Repairs.....		<u>183.52</u>
	\$	<u>383.52</u>
Balance to, "Mt. Hood Park Receipts".....	\$	<u>1,735.28</u>

TOILET & FIELD HOUSE

Balance.....	\$	643.52
Transferred to, "Holidays - Labor Vacation & Insurance"....	-	<u>225.00</u>
	\$	418.52

Expenditures:-		
Plaque and Installation.....	\$	<u>143.55</u>
Unexpended Balance.....	\$	<u>274.97</u>

TRUCK

Appropriation.....	\$	2,350.00
Expenditures.....	\$	<u>2,350.00</u>

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

Honorable Mayor Lawrence W. Lloyd
and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Annual Report of the Personnel Board is respectfully submitted herewith -

1955 was the fourth complete year for the Personnel Board in its administration of the Salary Administration Plan.

Membership altered during 1955 - the vacancy caused by William B. Alexander's resignation, was filled by the appointment of John McHale to serve until 1957; Frederick S. Nichols, who filled the unexpired term of a former member, Leroy Bateman, was re-appointed for three years beginning June 1, 1955. Present membership - Nicholas P. Flynn, Chairman, Harold F. Watts, Clerk, Horace H. Feltham, Frederick S. Nichols and John McHale.

Fourteen meetings were held during the year; seventeen hearings were included in these meetings; eighty-three decisions were made. Tentative changes in the ordinances were sent to the Board of Aldermen for ratification which included the revision of certain sections of the Salary Administration Plan, change of titles to conform with Civil Service, change of titles for Laborers and others.

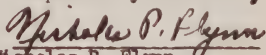
The Board appreciates the active interest shown by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen during the past year.

Since the completion of the Evaluation Program, September first, 1953, forty-nine amendments have been submitted to the Board of Aldermen, of which forty-six met with approval; since the inception of the Plan in 1951, 443 Decisions have been made by the Personnel Board.

As recommended in 1953, Aldermanic Order #11334 was passed, providing a permanent 6% increase in compensation for all employees under the Salary Administration Plan, effective April 1, 1955, which eliminated a temporary 3% cost-of-living increase in effect since April 1, 1953.

Various studies were made during the year with other municipalities for contrast with Melrose classifications.

The expenses of the Board were kept at a minimum by sharing the office and telephone with Recreation Commission and Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas P. Flynn,
Chairman, Personnel Board

REPORT OF PINE BANKS PARK

To his Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As Superintendent of Pine Banks Park, I herewith submit the following report for the year 1955.

Pine Banks Park was visited by approximately 85,000 people during the year.

Our recreational facilities were in great demand and were used by many local families and business groups.

At our zoo this year we have added one Brahma heifer which has been a fascination to the children as well as to their folks.

In the greenhouse, approximately 4000 flowers were grown from seed and then transferred to our flower beds on the Avenue. The park employees planted close to 2000 tulip bulbs which will be in blossom in May of 1956.

Fireplaces and picnic areas were used constantly every week-end and on holidays. Scout, Church and family groups enjoyed these facilities.

Malden and Melrose YMCA had their day camp at the ballfield. Malden Junior Police had their annual outing at the park and each boy was served a box lunch. Mount Ephraim was used by boy scout groups for over night camping and blazing trails. Scouts working for their forestry badges did their research work on Mount Ephraim. Supt. Cray gave these boys an oral examination and then gave his recommendation to their leaders.

Girl Scouts and Campfire girls from Malden and Melrose and surrounding cities planted trees on Arbor Day.

Malden and Melrose National Guards used the park for its drills and maneuvers.

Our ballfields were in use every night with both softball and baseball. Two new little league fields were graded and seeded at the corner of Sylvan and Main Street. Fencing and backstops will be installed in the spring of 1956 and the fields will be ready for games at that time.

Malden Vocational High School had their football practice sessions at the ballfield and also used the fieldhouse.

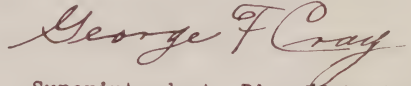
Two new fireplaces were added for charcoal burning. This now makes four charcoal and two wood burning fireplaces.

PINE BANKS PARK

The park had one of its best Christmas displays. Close to 900 lights were lit for the holidays. The park employees along with Supt. Cray cut and assembled a sleigh and reindeer which were placed on the banking at the front of park. Santa Claus visited the park every evening for two weeks before Christmas and distributed 2000 lolly-pops to the children.

I wish to thank my trustees, my employees, Malden and Melrose Police departments, Malden and Melrose Fire departments and all other department members who in any way assisted me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George F. Cray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Superintendent.

Superintendent, Pine Banks Park

PINE BANKS PARK

Cash on hand December 31, 1955 in the First National Bank Savings Department, as shown by pass book #15223 \$864.84

Appropriations

City of Malden		
Salaries	\$8848.37	
Sundry expenses	3364.50	
Travel account	125.00	
Sylvan St. fill	2827.50	\$15165.37

City of Melrose		
Salaries	\$8953.67	
Sundry expenses	3115.00	
Travel account	125.00	
Sylvan St. fill	2765.00	14958.67

Total appropriation for both cities	\$30124.04
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Expenditures

City of Malden		
Salaries	\$8847.49	
Sundry expenses	3364.42	
Travel account	125.00	
Sylvan St. fill	2824.68	\$15161.59

City of Melrose		
Salaries	8953.67	
Sundry expenses	3113.84	
Travel account	125.00	
Sylvan St. fill	2764.95	14957.46

Total expenditures for both cities	\$30119.05
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Unexpended balance

City of Malden	3.78	
City of Melrose	1.21	4.99

Total expenditures and balances	\$30124.04
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Robert A. Hodgson
Treas

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Honorable Mayor Lawrence W. Lloyd
and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, 76, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Melrose Planning Board is respectfully submitted herewith -

Fourteen meetings were held during the year - ten Regular meetings - January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, September 26th, October 24th, November 28th and December 19th; four Special meetings were held - January 3rd, February 19th, October 10th and October 20th.

Three public hearings on plans for subdivisions were held -

Ellis Farm Lane and Russet Lane - February 19th
Eastern Slopes - April 25th
Ridgewood Lane - September 26th

There were fifty-eight applications with plans for subdivision of land where Planning Board approval was believed not required.

Twenty-three Petitions for the laying out of streets from the Board of Aldermen were received and considered.

Conferences with representatives of the Board of Aldermen were held on the following business -

- 1 - Finished Grades - recommended setting stone markers showing grades of sidewalks or recording basement levels on building plans
- 2 - Planning Board budget
- 3 - Dexter Road and Penny Road - suggested consideration of setting line for these streets
- 4 - Potter Street - suggested consideration of adding portion abutting Washington School Playground to the play area
- 5 - Asked action be held on Bow and Sycamore Streets pending consideration of request to change grades in Slayton Park
- 6 - Requested change of name for portion of Arlington Road to Cranmore Lane

Mayor Lloyd reported on May 23rd, developments with regard to solution of flooding conditions of Spot Pond Brook. Two Planning Board members attended the State House hearing on bills concerning Spot Pond

PLANNING BOARD

Brook and Linden and Town Line Brooks.

Consideration was given to Long Range Planning to coordinate the needs of all City Departments and also revising and correcting the Planning Board Regulations for subdivision of land.

The membership changed during the year leaving unfilled positions. Vacancies and inactive members have made the conduct of the Planning Board business difficult.

Respectfully submitted,

MELROSE PLANNING BOARD

By: *John E. Buddington*

John E. Buddington,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 11, 1956

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 29 of the Revised Ordinances, I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Melrose Police Department for the Year ending December 31, 1955.

Number of duty calls	71,123
Number of telephone calls	7,437
Number of radio calls	2,198
Number of ambulance calls	749

ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1955

Offenses against the person:

Assault and Battery	9 Males	0 Females
Robbery, armed	1 Male	0 Females
Rape	1 Male	0 Females
Assault & Battery on Police Officer	<u>1 Male</u>	<u>0 Females</u>
Total	12 Males	0 Females

Offenses against property:

Breaking and entering and larceny	9 Males	0 Females
Larceny	15 Males	1 Female
Forgery and Uttering	2 Males	0 Females
Leased property, conveying	1 Male	0 Females
Using Motor Vehicle without authority	1 Male	0 Females
Damage to property	5 Males	0 Females
Trespass	<u>0 Males</u>	<u>1 Female</u>
Total	33 Males	2 Females

Offenses against Public Order:

City Ordinance violations	4 Males	0 Females
Drunkenness	32 Males	0 Females
Traffic violations	130 Males	31 Females
Motor Vehicle violations	82 Males	4 Females
Operating motor vehicle under influence	14 Males	0 Females
Insane	6 Males	4 Females
Non-support	7 Males	0 Females
Violation of Probation	7 Males	0 Females
Health Law violations	1 Male	0 Females
Lewdness	4 Males	0 Females

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-payment of wages	1 Male	0 Females
Prisoner, attempt rescue of	1 Male	0 Females
Default Warrants	4 Males	0 Females
Fugitive from Justice	2 Males	0 Females
A.W.O.L. - Military	1 Male	0 Females
Dog Law violations	0 Males	4 Females
Disorderly conduct	2 Males	0 Females
Indecent exposure	2 Males	0 Females
Dangerous weapon, carrying	1 Male	0 Females
Prisoner, escaped	0 Males	1 Females
Total	301 Males	144 Females
Arrests on Warrants		56
Arrests without Warrants		<u>364</u>
Total		420
Males		374
Females		46
Minors		26
Delinquents		10
Residents		243
Non-residents		177
Insane Males		6
Insane Females		4
In Court		392
Number of Cases		552
Assisted in arrests		66
Accidents reported		544
Ambulances cases		749
Automobiles stopped and warned		662
Automobiles tagged (1958 3-Way summonses issued out of 2246 tags)		2246
Buildings found open		414
Cases investigated		2475
Dead bodies found		4
Defective streets and sidewalks		11
Defective hydrants and pipes		3
Defective wires		4
Disturbances suppressed		1
Dogs killed		3
Fire alarms attended		162
Fire alarms given		5
Fires extinguished without alarm		10
Lanterns hung in dangerous places		38
Letters delivered		822
Lost children restored		39
Notices served		8
Sick and injured persons assisted		127
Street lights reported out		370
Street obstructions reported or removed		15
Summonses served		601

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Visits to libraries	68
Water leaks reported	7
Traffic duty	23,392
Special messages	265
Extra duty	144
Dog bites	1
Dead animals	25
Vacant houses	5,277
Autos stolen	13
Autos recovered	17
Amount of property recovered in City	\$ 19,065
Amount of property stolen in City	\$ 12,735
Lost property returned to owner	\$ 18,534
Missing persons reported	3
Missing persons located	3

I wish to commend the members of this department for their co-operation and loyalty in maintaining the efficiency of the department.

I further wish to commend the Auxiliary Police for their co-operation and loyalty in the past year in assisting this department in the performance of the duties that were assigned them and particularly during the hurricanes.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to his Honor the Mayor, to the Honorable Board of Aldermen and to all other departments for their co-operation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. MacWilliams

George D. MacWilliams
Captain-in-Charge
Melrose Police Department

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Property Valuation Board submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1955. The following parcels of land were disposed of during the year.

<u>Lot No. and Location</u>	<u>Selling Price</u>
Harold Street - Lots 117-118	\$1,800.00
Mt. Vernon Avenue - Lot 49	225.00
Worth Street - 2.4 acres	<u>1,000.00</u>
3 Parcels	<u>\$3,025.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm G. Fillmore Henry R. Peck

Thomas J. Dubois
Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

for the

Year ending December 31, 1955

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Herbert L. Hammond, Chairman April-December

William L. Carney

Edwin W. Lundquist, Chairman January-March

Elisabeth M. Perkins, Treasurer

Elinor H. Tibbetts

Howard B. Wilder

THE LIBRARY STAFF

Helen Anderson, Librarian

Barbara G. Mason, Assistant Librarian

Caro F. Nims, Children's Librarian

Margaret Lorenz, Cataloger

Rhoda M. Parmenter, Circulation Librarian

Gene R. Manks, Highlands Branch Librarian

Isabel C. Lee, Reference Librarian, January-March

Audrey C. Bergmann, Reference Librarian, April-December

Katherine J. Watson, General Assistant (Desk)

Patricia H. Stephen, General Assistant (Catalog)

Frances Hjerpe, General Assistant (Children's)

Ruth Winship, General Assistant (Highlands)

Ethel M. Perkins, Assistant, East Side Branch

M. Pearl Rawding, Assistant, Ward 7 Branch

Jean P. Sewell, Assistant, Wyoming Branch

Edwin W. Allen, Building Custodian

PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 2, 1956

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit their annual report for 1955.

The accompanying Librarian's report gives an enlightening survey of the services available and an insight into the actual needs existing.

Shelving has long-since passed a reasonable maximum capacity. The Library now houses 31 to 43% (depending on the books actually on loan at a given moment) more books than is recommended by American Library Association standards. This is possible only by auxiliary shelving, utilization of every available space, extra handling and at the sacrifice of facility and appearance. The Librarian and her staff should be commended for their accomplishments under such trying circumstances.

The apparent marking of time in 1955 regarding improvement of facilities, renovation and repairs is not due to lack of awareness or disinterest on the part of the Trustees but rather to the recognition of the inadequacy of any minor internal changes. Marshalling of irrefutable facts and figures as to the present and the scope and aims for future service to the public must precede any recommendation so that the minimum expense will result in the maximum achievement. Increases are to be noted in population, library registration, circulation, volumes available and in their cost. This despite a minimum appropriation and a 1904 building.

The Board of Trustees are grateful for the continued interest of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen and are appreciative of the cooperation and perseverance of the Librarian and her staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert L. Hammond
Chairman
Board of Trustees

LIBRARY STATISTICS ACCORDING TO AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM

Name of Library.....	Melrose Public Library
City and State.....	Melrose, Massachusetts
Name of Librarian.....	Helen Anderson
Date of Founding.....	1871
Population.....(annual listing - City of Melrose)....	29,239
Number of agencies.....	Main Library, 1 branch, 3 branches in schools
Number of days open during the year.....	291
Hours open each week.....	Main Library 63 (10 months); 55 (2 months)
Number of volumes at the beginning of the year.....	68,953
Number of volumes added by purchase.....	3,973
Number of volumes added by gift.....	100
Number of volumes withdrawn.....	2,277
Number of volumes at the end of the year.....	70,749
Circulation of books.....	232,613
Number of registered borrowers.....	13,366

To the Board of Trustees
Melrose Public Library

YOUNG PEOPLE OF TEEN AGE

Serving teen-age young people is becoming an increasingly important part of the work at the Melrose Public Library.

Mrs. Isabel Lee, for more than five years, made it her special interest to build up not only a collection of books to supplement school assignments, but also reading for recreation. Helping to locate information for the students is vital to a reference librarian. To this routine of finding facts was added the warmth of Mrs. Lee's personal interest. Mrs. Lee resigned in April because of the serious illness of her husband.

Continuing in this tradition, Mrs. Audrey Bergmann is watching the lists of new adult books recommended for young people, submitting titles for possible purchase and gradually increasing the attractive collection. Approximately 60 titles have been added in the last six months. In fact, so interesting are the books that older readers are often seen selecting from those shelves.

Coordination with teachers' assignments is constantly being sought and recently a number of lists have been obtained which help immeasurably in providing adequate service.

Space has become a problem! Twenty-five seats are hardly sufficient to provide for even a representative percentage of a high school population of over 1,200, when a research assignment has been made. As for shelves, we have already placed some in front of the fireplace, as a last resort.

BUSINESS SERVICES SEEK A CORNER

The library has enough material in its collection to make a good "business alcove." At present the supplements to the Moody's investment services stand on a table in the reading room of new books and current magazines. The annual volumes occupy the bottom shelves nearby and are often unnoticed. The Barron's and Wall Street Journal are across the room on the newspaper rack. Thomas' Register of American Manufacturers is in the far corner of the Reference Room. The Fitch Stock Record, with the Moody's Dividend Record and the Prentice Hall Federal Tax Guide, and the 1954 Internal Revenue Code stand on the table in the reading room. The Directory of New England Manufacturers is at the Main Desk.

POSTAL GUIDE AND TAX SERVICE

Keeping up to the minute in information is a laudable practice, but an exacting task. Now to our five or six loose-leaf services has been added the United States Postal Guide, in its first reorganization in many years. The two-volume tax service was new to the library in 1955.

RECORD COLLECTION EXPANDED

The record shelves were becoming crowded behind the Main desk and have been extended to new shelving on top of our information and picture file. These shelves now take care of the 78rpm records, leaving

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more space for the LPs. Where we can expand from there nobody has yet discovered. 1,660 albums were circulated from a collection of 422 titles.

MELROSE JOURNAL

The micro-filming of the Melrose Journal, 1870-1903, was completed early in 1955. We thank the Malden Public Library for allowing Mrs. Perkins and the Librarian to check the film on their reader.

THE CATALOGER'S WORK

Three projects in addition to the classification and cataloging of new books by the cataloger are of special note in 1955. First, in conjunction with the Reference Librarian, the work of correlating the headings for the pamphlet collection with those of the book collection was undertaken. Much obsolete material was discarded and new material added in the course of the work. Another project has been the insertion of explanatory cards in the card catalog where subjects may have seemed ambiguous. Furthermore, a catalog of books in the Fine Arts room has been revamped and brought up to date. This has been in addition to the work on the 4,000 or more new books added.

BOOK SHELVES

New books gradually retire from the front "new book" room to the regular shelves at the rear. As this process takes place a continual weeding of out-dated material is necessary. There comes a time, however, when it seems that no more can be spared. A limited space was made in the basement into which were retired desirable second copies of fiction. Miss Parmenter had removed these copies through the letter G when she discovered only three shelves left for the rest of the alphabet. What to do next is our problem.

Many subject books have been found out-dated. As weeding continues, recent books to take the place of old have been searched out and ordered. There is a Standard Catalog for Public Libraries that aids in the selection. Also, whenever a patron reports only antiquated material on a certain subject we are glad to replace with new, within the limits of available funds.

In the library at the end of 1955 were 70,749 volumes. That included an estimated 12,000 at branches and a possible 5,000 out in circulation. That leaves about 53,749 on the shelves at the Main Library.

The Main Library has approximately 5,841 linear feet of shelving throughout the building. To have that many feet, the librarians have built up the stacks of shelves to the height of eight and occasionally nine shelves high. Bottom and top shelves are awkward to use. Multiplying 5,841 feet by 7 books per foot, a number recommended by an American Library Association Committee as being a good estimate, (6 books are advocated for stacks) we arrive at 40,887 books that the main building should house.

53,749 books, approximately, are now housed at the main building.

USE OF BOOKS

To shut-ins, 2,719 books were sent out, 409 more than the previous year. Books were also sent to the Mothers' Club meetings, through the Chairman of the Library Committee of the Club.

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In the Circulation Department, figures are still rising and show that in 1955, 5,415 more books were charged out than in 1954, a total of 114,043. In addition to those there were 459 pictures and 1,660 record albums. Total circulation for the city in 1955 was 232,613; in 1954 229,313.

At the Hospital Mrs. Eisenhart's Tri-Hi-Y girls gave their services the first half of the year in making books available to patients three afternoons a week. Miss Parmenter has continued her weekly visits. On October 1, Mrs. George Beck began taking books around to the rooms on an additional day. We feel very fortunate in having Mrs. Beck for this voluntary weekly service. The total number of books circulated at the hospital was 3,494, an increase of 919 over 1954.

60 books have been loaned to other libraries, and this library borrowed 35, plus 85 books in French, German, Italian and Hungarian, from the Division of Public Libraries.

FACTS AND FIGURES FROM BRANCHES

Circulation:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Highlands</u>			
1955	15,427	18,433	33,860
1954	16,596	19,015	35,611
<u>East Side</u>			
1955	2,221	8,596	10,817
1954	2,413	8,504	10,917
<u>Wyoming</u>			
1955	3,248	6,217	9,465
1954	2,760	6,818	9,578
<u>Ward 7</u>			
1955	5,317	7,266	12,583
1954	5,126	6,541	11,667

Registration totals:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Main</u>	7,049 (732 new)	1,725 (365 new)	8,777 (1,097 new)
<u>Highlands</u>	1,520 (106 new)	947 (137 new)	2,477 (243 new)
<u>East Side</u>	269 (15 new)	629 (138 New)	898 (153 new)
<u>Wyoming</u>	355 (23 new)	564 (123 new)	919 (146 new)
<u>Ward 7</u>	115 (11 new)	183 (50 new)	298 (61 new)

FURTHER JOTTINGS FROM BRANCHES

At Highlands, Mrs. Hanks now has her shelf list or inventory cards on file for use at the branch. Many improvements in cataloging and organizing the collection of books have been completed, making for easier use. 483 volumes were withdrawn, and 478 added.

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East Side and Wyoming Branches kept circulation about on a level with 1954, and Ward 7 increased in juvenile circulation. At East Side in the period before their new wing is finished, the library room has had to be shared with a first grade class during hours the library was closed.

CHILDREN IN MELROSE SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8th GRADE including public & parochial	CHILDREN REGISTERED AT THE LIBRARY	BOOKS LOANED TO ALL CHILDREN through 8th grade
4,584	4,048, or about 88%	92,357

Most of these children have been visited at least once during the year in their classrooms by Mrs. Nims who took books to describe. These 108 visits frequently bring children post haste to the library to get some books. Occasionally a teacher will have a class illustrate thank you notes from one of the reviews to send to the library.

Pre-school children have been enjoying the Wednesday morning periods of play, music, and fun provided by Mrs. David Navon early in the year. When Mrs. Navon left in the Fall, Mrs. Marjorie Lorenz Pederson gave her services to direct the group with the help of parents. Attendance has averaged about 15 children. Music was one of the features with records played on the machine given a few years ago by the Melrose Grange.

Mrs. Frances Hjerpe and Mrs. Roberta Ruliffson conducted five periods of story telling.

Summer Reading Club registration numbered 212 children of whom 127 completed the minimum of 10 books and 98 attended the lively party held at the Unitarian Parish House across the street. We were grateful for the use of the room.

Both the Story Hours and the Pre-school group use a small area between basement shelving to carry on. The Summer Reading Club party has grown so large that there is no place in the library adequate to accommodate it. We used the Parish Hall across the street. There is need for a room or hall large enough to be attractive for the activities.

Of the total, 4,048 elementary school children registered at the library, 1,725 are registered at and using the Main Library. The 28' x 18' room becomes congested, with an increasing annual circulation of 35,093 from this room - an average of about 120 a day. Since the heavy part of the public work comes between the hours of 3:30 and 5:00 p.m., crowded conditions are unavoidable. 9 square feet in the room are taken up by working facilities, the "desk." There is one table seating 4 of junior high school age, 1 table seating 4 younger children, and there are 7 seats for tiny tots. Seventh and eighth graders are being given more and more school assignments, and at times children have spread their work out on the Main desk when tables are occupied. Shelves are full much of the time, with no place to put the overflow. The new children's office shelves provide space for books in process and a place for collections that come in from the schools in the summer, but no overflow.

THE ART COLLECTION

The Melrose Library has much good material for an adequate Fine Arts Department. At present the music scores and literature are on shelves at the head of the stairs in the balcony. Recordings are housed behind

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the Main Desk and on top of pamphlet cases. There is no place for listening facilities. About 70 shelves in the back of the balcony are filled with books on fine arts, sports and gardens. A collection of beautiful art books are kept on the second floor in the Mary A. Livermore room. Most of the shelves there have reached capacity and we are seeking a case for the upper lobby, into which to expand. Picture collections that may be borrowed are at present in files on the main floor and also in the lobby at the head of the stairs. In addition, a large collection of beautiful mounted prints for use in the library is kept in special cases in the Mary A. Livermore room. From the picture of scattered resources it should be obvious that much better service and more intelligent and interested use could be achieved from a coordinated and centralized Fine Arts department, possibly on the second floor.

ODLIN ART BOOKS FEATURED

Mrs. Eaton H. Perkins gave a talk on "The Odlin Collection at the Library" with examples of books on display at the Eighth District Conference of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, which was held at Memorial Hall, January 27, 1955.

THE BIOGRAPHY COLLECTION

After removing second copies of most of the older biographies, the shelves are still so full that only three or four inches or less are left at the ends to allow for putting away new titles or older ones out in circulation. Biographies have the largest turnover of any class other than fiction and periodicals, and buying is fairly heavy in them.

WORKING QUARTERS

Greatly appreciated is the new office recently finished for the Children's Librarian in the basement.

There are other crowded spots that need attention.

In an office 9' 8" square, the Librarian at one large desk, and the Assistant Librarian at a smaller desk have carried on their work. A safe, a filing cabinet and three chairs take up all but a path of the remaining floor space. Over 4,000 new books have been handled there, ordered, checked in and sourced, payrolls made out, statistics kept, interviews carried on, typing done, agents received and branch books prepared, among other things.

An office of similar size across the library houses the Cataloger, her assistant and an occasional helper - meaning three work places. This room contains a water fountain and sink, a large cupboard, shelves, and three chairs. There, about 4,500 new books and phonograph records get classified, cataloged, have cards made, jackets and labels put on and all the odd changes in the card files made.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs. Isabel Lee resigned in April from the position of Reference Librarian which she had held for over five years. The deep sympathy of all the staff went to her upon the loss of her husband which followed soon afterward.

Mrs. Audrey C. Bergmann was appointed to fill the vacancy of Reference Librarian, leaving her work as assistant to the Cataloger.

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Mrs. Bergmann took a summer course in Reference work at Simmons College to help her in her new work.

Mrs. Katherine J. Watson was transferred from the Children's Department to become assistant at the Circulation desk.

Mrs. Frances Hjerpe joined the staff in the Children's room.

Mrs. Patricia Stephen left her position at the Circulation desk and became assistant to the Cataloger.

Mrs. Roberta Ruliffson has been doing part-time work wherever needed.

The Librarian attended the American Library Association annual conference at Philadelphia in July; she and other staff members attended library meetings at East Weymouth, at Gloucester, at the Somerset in Boston, at Salem, and the Librarian attended regular meetings in Boston.

USE OF THE LIBRARY

The rooms on the second floor have been used by groups more than 80 times during the year. This is in addition to at least three art exhibits: The work of the pupils of Mrs. Enos R. Pye; work of the Young Artists' Association, arranged for by Jon Scarborough; and photographs, assembled by Guy D. Russell from the Young Men's Christian Union of Boston. Harrison Douglas displayed, in March, a group of his pictures of covered bridges, in the new book room. James H. Burroughs brought in a group of his paintings in the spring for exhibit in the reading room.

The Dairy Council had an attractive group of dolls on display in the Children's room and later at Highlands in February and March. Brownie troops and Girl Scouts came to the library for tours and to see the dolls. About 750 children attended the Saturday movies.

Many of the Community Council meetings, preliminary to sending the Community Ambassador, Eleanor Morrison, to Germany, were held at the library, and exhibits of pictures and information on the project were placed in the main lobby of the library.

Posters made by the Camp Fire Girls have been much appreciated again in the Children's Room.

Arrangements and plants from the Melrose Garden Club have been very gratefully received and admired at the Main desk.

The Librarian always enjoys thanking her Trustees for their continued cooperation, for they are a fine group to work with. We extend, through the Trustees, our appreciation to the Mayor and the Aldermen.

Thanks are due to the members of the Art Class for providing their own instruction. The Camera Club has continued its regular meetings and displays at the library. Occasional meetings are held here by numerous other organizations.

Respectfully submitted

Helen Andersson

Librarian

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CREDITS AND DEBITS FROM APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

	Credits	Debits	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Salaries and Wages	\$43,500.00	\$45,332.10	\$ 384.30
Additional appropriation	2,216.40		
Other Expenses	2,300.00	2,396.67	3.33*
Transfers (Fines)	100.00		
Books and Periodicals	4,000.00	9,545.87	999.53*
Dog Tax	2,545.40		
Transfers (Fines)	4,000.00		
Fuel and Light	1,400.00	1,491.04	8.96*
Transfers (Fines)	100.00		
Building and Janitor's Supplies	700.00	688.14	11.86
Rent, Highlands Branch	1,500.00	1,500.00	00.00
Binding	1,300.00	1,138.45	161.55
New Equipment	200.00	196.90	3.10
Out-of-state Travel	100.00	100.00	00.00
Repairs to Slate Roof	500.00	5.40	494.60
	<u>64,461.80</u>	<u>62,394.57</u>	<u>2,067.23</u>

*Returned to Library Fines Account

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM TRUST FUNDS OF WHICH THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAVE THE CUSTODY

	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Income	Disburse- ments	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Sarah A. Chever Fund	\$ 739.24	\$ 28.93	\$	\$ 768.17
Stephen C. Deering Fund	473.57	18.52		492.09
Jabez Dyer Fund	1,193.91	46.72		1,240.63
(Melrose Savings Bank)				
48.60				
(Melrose Trust Co.)				
Sarah E. Odlin Fund	2,294.63	85.58	182.85	2,197.36
	<u>4,749.95</u>	<u>179.75</u>	<u>182.85</u>	<u>4,746.85</u>

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUNDS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CITY TREASURER

	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Income	Disburse- ments	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
William E. Bailey Fund	\$3,178.22	96.67	\$ 152.00	\$ 3,122.89
William E. Barrett Fund	75.00	2.91		77.91
Horatio N. Perkins Fund	613.30	19.33		632.63
		Collections		
Duplicate Fund	207.06	790.52	738.23	259.35
Fines Account	3,146.91	3,559.84	4,200.00	2,506.75
Unexpended balance from		1,011.82		1,011.82
disbursements	<u>7,220.49</u>	<u>5,481.09</u>	<u>5,090.23</u>	<u>7,611.35</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To His Honor, The Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits
its report for the year ending December, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY M. CUSHMAN, CHAIRMAN
Vivian B. Adams
Gertrude M. Curtin
John W. Huse
William J. Neely

Mary J. Melville, AGENT

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

There were no major changes in the Old Age Assistance Law during 1955 although Chapter 728 of the Acts of 1955 which became effective January 1, 1956 provides \$2.50 transportation allowance outside of the budget for all recipients except patients in licensed nursing homes. This will increase the basic minimum grant for a person living in a family group from \$59.00 to \$61.50 per month and for a person living outside the family group from \$79.00 to \$81.50

The downward trend in the number of persons aided continued but at a slower rate than in any year since this decline began in 1952. However, the average payment per case continued to rise and since there was no change in the basic budget items in 1955, this increase in expenditure can be attributed to the rising cost of medical care. All payments for medical care are made directly to the vendor. The following table shows how these payments were distributed:

Hospitals	\$ 18,916.98
Physicians	8,219.00
Nursing Homes	83,121.39
Drugs	13,321.96
Dentistry	881.00
Out-patient hospital care	130.00
Glasses and eye exams	1,274.75
Red Cross Nursing Care	602.50
Other (x-rays, tests, etc.)	990.43
	<u>\$127,458.01</u>

Eighty of the 381 Old Age Assistance recipients in December, 1955, were receiving Old Age and Survivors Insurance benefits in the amount of \$3622.80

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for the month in addition to their Old Age Assistance payment which totaled \$4604.81 in December, 1955.

There were 91 original applications for Old Age Assistance in 1955 which together with three pending on January 1 made the total number of new applications considered 94. Of this number the board approved 68; 25 were denied or withdraw; and one was still pending on December 31. Depletion of savings or other resources was the reason for granting aid in 22 of the 68 approved cases while an increase in need beyond resources, usually for medical expenses, was the reason for approval in 16 cases; seventeen were transferred from Old Age Assistance rolls in other cities and towns; the remaining 13 were approved for a variety of reasons such as loss of employment, loss of support from a relative, loss of the wage earner in the home.

Eighty-seven cases were closed which figure taken with the 68 approved shows a net loss of 19. The reasons for closing cases were: death of the recipient 56, removal from Melrose 11, and development of other sources of support 20.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

There was an increase in the number of applications for Aid to Dependent Children during 1955, - twenty-one as compared with 13 in 1954 and 11 in 1953. Nineteen applications were approved and two were denied. The loss of the wage earner because of his absence from home was the reason why most of the mothers found it necessary to apply for assistance for their children. There were twenty-one families who received Aid to Dependent Children grants in December, 1955, and in all but four cases the father of the children had deserted or was divorced or separated from the mother. Six of the mothers had remarried but were receiving aid for children by prior marriages. The court was notified in every case where there was failure on the part of the father to provide support and in some cases the Aid to Dependent Children grant supplemented the support payments; in other cases the father could not be located and aid was necessary for the total needs of the family.

In several of our more recent annual reports we have remarked that the principal circumstance in Aid to Dependent Children is desertion, and not the death or incapacity of the father. The figures for this year provide additional evidence that such is the case. A complete solution of a problem like this is not to be found entirely in a more rigorous enforcement of law although it is evident that more might be done in that direction. Extradition of deserters, however, is not easy of accomplishment and is expensive. Frequently when they have been brought home and put under supervision of the Courts and ordered to carry out

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their duties toward their families they fail repeatedly, and desert again. It is obvious that the principal elements in the problem are moral and social and reflect personal failure on the part of the individuals concerned due to a variety of reasons. The success of society in dealing with this problem of human failure has not been too encouraging anywhere. Meanwhile, our obligation obviously is to see that the children are cared for and it is a social advantage that Aid to Dependent Children is available to provide such care on a reasonably adequate basis.

Medical needs in the Aid to Dependent Children category totaled \$2,107.50 for the year as follows:

Drugs	\$824.77
Hospital Care	424.15
Physicians' Services	330.60
Dentists, Oculists, Opticians, and Out-Patient Clinics	527.98

Fourteen cases were closed during the year because of increased resources from earnings of parents or children.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

There were 28 applications for Disability Assistance during 1955 and six cases were pending on January 1, 1955. Approval was given in 23 cases, eight were denied or withdrawn and three were pending at the end of the year.

A total of \$16,012.75 was spent for medical care as follows:

Nursing Homes	\$7,042.61
Hospitals	5,953.73
Physicians' Fees	949.00
Drugs	1,395.01
Red Cross Nursing Care	235.50
Other	436.90

The decision as to eligibility for assistance is made at the local level in all categories except Disability Assistance. The medical information is collected by the local department but is forwarded to the State Department of Public Welfare medical review team for a decision as to whether the applicant is permanently or totally disabled and recommendation as to future care.

The reason that the final determination is by the State Department is obvious: the medical decision must be uniform throughout the Commonwealth. The State Department emphasizes the need for rehabilitating as many of the recipients as possible and has worked out

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reciprocal procedures to this end with the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and various private medical and rehabilitation services. Thus a number of Melrose recipients have been referred for study, and when the prognosis is favorable, for training at such facilities as the Bay State Rehabilitation Clinic. Unfortunately, however, rehabilitation is apparently possible in relatively few cases. Too often the person has been allowed to grow so old with his disability that he has lost all capacity for productive work. The rehabilitation process to be successful must begin in the earlier years. The problem then would be, without making any person - whatever his age - who gives promise of profiting from rehabilitation training, to take care of the chronically, dependent, older disabled and concentrate on the younger and hopeful cases in the expectation that with the need for rehabilitating the disabled given special emphasis through the establishment of this category of assistance the results would be increasingly successful.

Twelve Disability Assistance cases were closed during the year 1955 for the following reasons: death of the recipient 4, admission to an institution 1, transferred to other assistance programs 7.

GENERAL RELIEF

The General Relief caseload changes from month to month since a good number of people find it necessary to ask for help for a specific item - e.g. a hospital bill, rent and fuel for a short period of unemployment or reduced income. Thirty-nine applications for General Relief were approved during 1955 and 47 cases were closed. Usually there were twenty to twenty-five cases being aided in each month. As mentioned in previous reports, this is the category which would most quickly reflect economic conditions and we are happy to report that unemployment as a cause of need for assistance has been at a minimum.

Five children are being aided in foster home care, two with the Division of Child Guardianship of the State Department of Public Welfare, two with the Children's Aid Society, and one privately placed in a Melrose home.

PRIVATE FUNDS

The department spent \$999.53 from the A. C. Marie Currier Fund at the Christmas season in 1955. The money was used to provide extra clothing and cash for all the families with children and for some of the recipients who live alone and are wholly dependent upon public assistance. \$1,568.20 was spent from the Emerson Fund to provide specialized hospital care in two cases.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1955

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
	<u>City Appropriation</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>
Administration:		
Salaries and		
Other Expenses	\$ 15565.27	\$ 15057.86
Out of State Travel	125.00	
General Relief	32500.00	
Old Age Assistance	241500.00	151341.89
Aid to Dependent Children	14000.00	15226.98
Disability Assistance	22000.00	12305.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$ 325690.27	\$ 193931.98 #1
		\$ 519622.25
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
	<u>City Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>
Administration:		
Salaries	\$ 13631.88	\$ 9354.86
Other Expenses		2104.19
Out of State Travel	125.00	
General Relief	32476.05	
Old Age Assistance	241042.88	144285.67
Aid to Dependent Children	13334.10	13671.85
Disability Assistance	21737.21	12017.81
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 322347.12	\$ 181434.38
#1 - Includes \$8443.63 balance from 1954		\$ 503781.50 #2
#2 - Unexpended balance -	15840.75	
To Estimated Receipts	3343.15	
To Federal Fund -1956	12497.60	

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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES AND REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1955

	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	DISABILITY ASSISTANCE	GENERAL RELIEF	ADMINISTRATION	TOTAL RELIEF AND ADMINISTRATION
	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL:	385,328.55 - 100.0	27,005.95 - 100.0	33,755.02 - 100.0	32,476.05 - 100.0	25,215.93 - 100.0	503,781.50 - 100.0
FEDERAL	145,395.49 - 37.7	12,366.66 - 45.8	10,958.46 - 32.5	**	12,767.74 - 50.6	181,488.35 - 36.0
STATE	172,106.92 - 44.7	8,646.34 - 32.1	13,372.63 - 39.6	3,185.67 - 9.8	553.40 - 2.2	197,864.96 - 39.3
OTHER CITIES	8,928.48 - 2.3	*	*	1,526.71 - 4.7	*	10,455.19 - 2.0
MELROSE	58,897.66 - 15.3	5,992.95 - 22.1	9,423.93 - 27.9	27,763.67 - 85.5	11,894.79 - 47.2	113,973.00 - 22.7

Notes--xSettlement law does not apply in Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance
 **No Federal participation in General Relief

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1955
ASSISTANCE CASE LOAD

Month	Old Age Assistance Individuals	Disability Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children Families	General Relief Singles--Families
January	402	20	18(49)	16 7(34)
February	396	23	18(51)	16 6(30)
March	393	23	17(59)	15 9(40)
April	390	28	18(49)	10 7(30)
May	393	27	19(49)	12 7(31)
June	382	29	19(49)	15 4(23)
July	386	30	17(46)	18 4(17)
August	384	33	17(45)	23 3(13)
September	378	31	19(51)	19 5(28)
October	379	31	21(55)	15 5(28)
November	373	30	20(51)	19 3(13)
December	381	31	21(59)	14 6(28)
1.No. of children in these families				
2.No. of persons in families including adults and children				

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EXPENDITURES FOR SELECTED YEARS 1945--1955

FEDERAL AND CITY FUNDS COMBINED

	1945	1947	1949	1951	1953	1954	1955
Administration: Salaries and Other Expenses	\$ 9120.30	12088.27	15899.92	17847.89	22591.04	23409.49	25090.93
Out of State Travel				100.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
General Relief	19882.95	22943.16	38990.90	39998.40	24848.92	23954.67	32476.05
Old Age Assistance	151375.58	228337.17	331151.67	376116.34	425044.96	409215.95	385328.55
Disability Assistance					23365.75	25478.69	33755.02
Aid to Dependent Children	14580.28	24490.04	32585.89	30771.39	29293.03	23141.59	37005.95
Totals:	\$ 194595.11	287858.64	4418628.38	464834.02	525268.70	505325.39	503781.50

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen,
Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the Public Works Department for the year of 1955.

The work of the Public Works Department is divided into two main sections; (1) New Construction which includes, new highways, new sewers, new drains, water extentions, new buildings, parking areas, sidewalks and etc., and (2) Maintenance which includes, water relay, sewer and drain maintenance and repair, highway repair, sidewalk repair, street cleaning, traffic signs and markings, snow removal and sanding, tree removal and trimming, garbage and rubbish collections, parking area maintenance, street lighting, and an item called general maintenance which covers everything that needs taking care of that nobody else seems to have any direct responsibility.

Each division in the department has its own operating forces that take care of both new construction and maintenance. These forces are flexible and may be interchanged from one division to the other divisions wherever the need may be the greatest.

This method of personnel interchange makes possible a greater flexibility of operation with its resultant savings in labor cost for the work done by City forces.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The work of the engineering division is carried on under the direction of Edwin H. King, Assistant Engineer in Charge; Sidney C. Fields, First Engineering Assistant; Charles Woodman, Draftsman; Frederick Polk, Junior Engineer, and during the summer months extra field assistants are employed to help take care of the extra work load.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

The highway contract was awarded to George Rotondi and Sons about the first of July and work on the project got underway about three weeks later. This was a rather late start but nevertheless the contract was completed before the end of the year.

A list of streets constructed in 1955 is as follows;

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
Appleton Street	Elliott Street	Fairmont Street	165'
Elliott Street	# 51 Elliott St.	Appleton Street	630'
Bratley Street	Lebanon Street	Easterly	340'
Echo Street	Whitman Avenue	Beacon Street	635'
Glendale Avenue	Cochrane Street	Kenmore Road	355'
Harold Street	Goss Avenue	Leah Street	280'

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<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
Hawley Road	Main Street	Damon Avenue	870'
Hawes Avenue	Bay State Road	Hawley Road	200'
Heywood Avenue	Damon Avenue	Easterly	180'
Leah Street	Beech Avenue	Harold Street	420'
Russell Street	Lynde Avenue	Adams Street	225'
Sawyer Road	Lincoln Street	School Street	275'
Stowecroft Road	Lynn Fells Parkway	Albert Street	325'
Whitman Avenue	Park Street	Beech Avenue	650'
Grandview Avenue	Echo Street	Whitman Avenue	720'
Virginia Avenue	Pearl Street	Glendale Avenue	350'
			<u>6620'</u>

SIDEWALKS

Liberty Asphalt Company was awarded the contract for bituminous sidewalks, and Augustine Cocco & Sons was awarded the granolithic contract.

The walks finished under these contracts are as follows;

CONTINUOUS GRANOLITHIC WALKS & EDGESTONE

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LINEAR FEET</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Melrose Street	Vinton Street	Mendum Street	160'	Highway Div.
Garden Street	#16	#20	110'	" "
Howard Street	#134	#164 inclusive	460'	" "
Conant Road and Prospect Street	- Both corners of			
		Conant Road	365'	" "
Laurel Street	Waverly Avenue	#125 inclusive	408'	" "
Ø Main Street	467	453	200'	Contract
* Cochrane St. (E.Side)	#61	#77 inclusive	216'	"
* " " (W.Side)		at #72	68'	"
* Main Street		at State Armory	250'	"
			<u>2237</u> lin.ft.	

Ø Unfinished

* Individual

CONTINUOUS TAR WALKS

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FEET</u>
Melrose Street	#175	#195	298'
Meridian Street	#8	#36	474'
Melrose Street	at #220		97'
			<u>869'</u>

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INDIVIDUAL BITUMINOUS WALKS

<u>STREET & NUMBER</u>	<u>FEET</u>
41 Larchmont Road	80'
96 Derby Road	56'
5 Alden Street	35'
220 Sylvan Street	51'
40 Hancock Street	217'
167 Essex Street	130'
62 School Street	62'
56 " "	72'
6,19,20 Virginia Avenue	228'
255 Washington Street	63'
106 Bellevue Avenue	157'
	<u>1151'</u>

These contracts were carried out under the direction of the engineering division.

SPOT POND BROOK

The Spot Pond Brook drainage problem has finally been removed from the hands of the Melrose Public Works Department and taken over by the Metropolitan District Commission. This age old annual headache that has been the source of a great deal of legislation over the past hundred years is now on the road to being solved by the combined effort of all the public officials of all the affected cities and towns. Mayor Lloyd's tactful handling of a very touchy problem carried the project through to its ultimate successful conclusion, and five million dollars was appropriated by the Commonwealth for this project to be built under the direction of the Metropolitan District Commission.

The Engineering Division contributed a great deal of valuable information and records which were very helpful to the engineering firm hired by the Metropolitan District Commission to make the preliminary studies and estimates upon which the State based its appropriation.

PARKING LOT

A new area west of Main Street and north of Grove Street has been taken for off-street parking and is in the process of being built under the direction of the Engineering Division, it is to be known as the Larrabee Court Parking area.

I have given here a few of the major interests of the Engineering Division and I will not attempt to enlarge upon it other than to say that almost every project which is carried out by any division of the Public Works Department must in some way come to the attention of the Engineers and be given a part of their time.

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ELL POND IMPROVEMENTS

Completion of earth dike from the Lake Avenue properties at the west end of the pond to the knoll. Completion of the filling in of the old hockey rink, dredging of an area to set up hockey rink west of the knoll.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Assistant Superintendent John B. Simonds is in charge of the Highway Division of the Public Works Department. Francis P. Martin is his assistant. This division, the largest in the department, is also the most diversified and although maintenance has become its most important function it is still the most active from a point of general service.

The tree men, a part of this division, have had a very active year. Dutch Elm disease has shown a decided increase this past year and as a result more trees have had to be disposed of. Browntail and Gypsy Moth seem to be under control but constant vigilance must be kept or we could have an infestation.

The trimming for hurricane damage repair was done under contract, still there was plenty left for our men to do.

Type "H" material was used for resurfacing only one street this year, Marvin Road. "Mix-in-place" was used to resurface Belmont Street, Lake Avenue and Beacon Street.

The following streets were resurfaced with armour coat;

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
First Street	Ashcroft Road	Lebanon Street	2750
Mt. Vernon Street	Main Street	Brown Street	1000
Brown Street	Mt. Vernon Street	W. Wyoming Avenue	250
Mt. Vernon Avenue	Mt. Vernon Street	Southerly	200
E. Wyoming Avenue	Main Street	End	1375
Chester Street	Trenton Street	Adams Street	520
W. Emerson Street	Myrtle Street	Tremont Street	875
Vinton Street	W. Emerson Street	Parkway	1250
Greenwood Street	Franklin Street	Wakefield line	1000
Woodland Avenue	Franklin Street	Greenwood Street	1375
Clifton Park	Woodland Avenue	Woodland Avenue	700
Pine Banks Park	Roads		1500
			<u>12,795</u> lin.
			feet

Lebanon Street was rebuilt under Chapter 90 from Sylvan to Upham Street. This completes Lebanon Street from the Malden line to Porter Street at Main Street.

The sidewalk repairs were done by contract this year, because of a late start we did not do quite as much of this work as we had intended. However I might mention that due to a regular resurfacing program for our bituminous walks carried out over a period of the past

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seven years this type of sidewalk is in pretty fair shape. This can not be said of our granolithic sidewalks, these are in a very dangerous condition which will take a great deal of time and money to correct.

Another small but very active branch of this division is the painting section. The street signs must be maintained, center line street painting, the parking area marked off, the new signs must be made to fit different needs as they arise, also tool boxes must be replaced and painted and even a little inside painting is produced when necessary.

This division also has charge of the regular garbage collection contract, the collection of rubbish, waste paper and other refuse, street cleaning, snow removal and supervision of the contract for maintenance of the city dump at Pine Banks.

SEWER AND DRAINAGE DIVISION

This division directed by Assistant Superintendent Walter Jones has been engaged for the most part in new construction work. New areas are opened up and new extensions to our present system must be made in order that the new homes may be served. Since 1947 two new trunk systems have been built to serve areas that could not be sewered without them, and now that they are built these areas are being developed.

Melrose at the present time is about 95% sewered, if we exclude that area in the south east that has resisted any type of development so far, then our percentage would reach almost 100%.

Total sewerage of a residential city is almost unheard of, but we are well on the way to achieving that goal. A list of the new sewers constructed in 1955 is as follows;

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>PIPE SIZE</u>	<u>MAN* HOLE</u>
Beech Avenue	Sycamore Rd.	Water St.	397.50	8"	4
Carlida Road	Howard Street	Cranmore Lane	290	8"	1
Ø Conrad Road	Right of way-	Southerly	192	8"	1
Harold Street	Leah Street	East & West	215.50	8"	1
Hawley Road	Present end	Westerly	88'	8"	-
Wheeler Avenue	Grove Street	Trunk sewer	475'	8"	2
Ø Messengers Court	Met. sewer	Westerly	578	8"	4
Mt. Hood Terrace	Beech Avenue	Slayton Road	589.50	8"	5
Sylvan St. extension	Main Street	Derby Road	354'	18"	2
Ø Windsor Street	Trunk sewer	Northerly	442	8"	1
			3530.5		20

Ø In part.

Also, 146 Private house connections & 15 street line connections were laid in. We have in operation at the present time a total of 69.67 miles of sewers and 7246 individual property connections.

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The problem of maintenance increases at a greater rate than the new construction would suggest. The reason being that part of our system is sixty years old and by today's standards is far too small to take the increased volume (ie electric disposals, automatic washers, increased toilet facilities etc.) without overloading and resultant stoppages. This problem is not as yet a serious one but it is causing some concern. Then we have that ever increasing problem of excess water induced into our system by the draining of cellars during flood period. This cannot be stopped or curbed so it is evident that we must prepare to provide means of taking care of this abnormal volume as though it was a usual thing. This will mean increased pipe sizes where possible or even parallel sewers, increased pumping facilities and larger out falls.

This is one of the times that the City finds itself forced into a very bad and very expensive position with nothing to do but accept the situations and make the best of it.

SUMMARY OF SEWER MAINTENANCE

- 6.3 miles of sewers flushed and cleaned.
- 224 private sewer connections cleaned.
- 16 " " " " dug up and cleared.
- 34 main sewer blocks cleared.
- 2 pumping stations kept in operation.

The surface drainage system was also extended and improved in 1955.

The following list includes the various extensions.

LOCATIONS	FROM	TO	LENGTH	SIZE	MAN- CATCH	
					HOLES	BASINS
Bay State Road	Brook	Easterly	178'	12"	1	2
Baldwin Avenue	Beach Street	Southerly	78'	24"		
Harold Street	Goss Avenue	Easterly	250'	12"		
Heywood Ave. Brook	Frost Avenue	Bay State Rd.	450'	40"x65'	(arch pipe)	
Ell Pond Park	Ell Pond	Parkway	439'	24"	2	
" " "		At Old Hockey Rink	140'	36"		
Sylvan Street	Derby Road	Main Street	370'	24"	2	
Rear of Armory	Sylvan Street	South	405'	24"	2	
North Avenue	Culvert	Stoneham line	120'	36"	2	

Our surface drainage system has received the greatest benefit and potential chance of improvement that it could possibly get. When the Metropolitan District Commission has finished the work on Spot Pond Brook the whole system in that watershed may be improved without excessive expense. We hope that this project will reach completion in about two years and from that time on there will be no more major flooding in that entire area.

A smaller, though very troublesome area was that North Avenue section of Melrose Highlands. This has been improved with a joint action by Melrose and Stoneham so that flooding here will be a thing of the past. Surface drainage in one sense is all maintenance, extensions

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improvements, and cleaning all help to maintain a workable system, designed to keep the City free of flooding.

The following is a list of miscellaneous projects completed in 1955 for the constant improvement of the system.

MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS

- 1.) 8' x 6' Culvert in Pleasant Street at Cascade Brook - 52 feet long.
- 2.) Catch basin at #434 Lebanon Street.
- 3.) Manhole at low point #344 Lebanon Street.
- 4.) Two manhole covers replaced with B & H gratings.
- 5.) Two catch basin in E. Foster Street Parking Area.
- 6.) 8" overflow built on Wildwood Road.
- 7.) Three catch basins (1) City Yard, (1) Congregational Church Willow Street, (1) Franklin & Greenwood Streets.
- 8.) Private drain at 187 E. Emerson Street.
- 9.) " " " Transiron Corp., Grove Street.
- 10.) 1500 catch basins cleaned and flushed.

WATER DIVISION

The water division under the direction of Assistant Superintendent Walter Olson has had a busy and eventful year. The usual work of construction and maintenance consumed the major part of the time but there were however two or three incidents that caused considerable excitement for a short time.

The most dangerous incident happened on the night before Thanksgiving when a 36" feeder pipe to the high pressure reservoir broke and flooded the entire area in the vicinity of Ravine Road and Lynn Fells Parkway. The loss of water was so great that nearly one third of the City was without water for a period of time. The pressure in the water mains dropped to a point that caused the fire department considerable alarm. Emergency measures had to be taken and water was pumped into our mains from adjoining towns and cities.

The hot dry summers always cause some trouble in pressure drop at the high points in the City and this past summer the usual shortage was increased by a pump failure at the Spot Pond pumping station resulting in homes on the top of Grandview Avenue and other sections being without water for several hours on this and on different occasions. This situation will be practically remedied by the installation of a booster pump at the foot of Hancock Street at Spear street. This pump will serve as a booster when the pressure drops in this area.

We had two other bad breaks this past year, one on Washington Street at the corner of Gould Street and one in a Saugus main which is fed by our pipes, these could have been serious if it had not been for the prompt and efficient action of the water division personnel.

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The main line construction is listed as follows;

MAIN LINE CONSTRUCTION

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>KIND</u>
Mt. Hood Terrace	Slayton Road	Beech Avenue	655'	8"	C.L.
Whitman Avenue	#84	Southerly	124'	8"	"
Dexter Road	#85	"	261'	8"	"
Elliott Street	At Appleton Street		15'	8"	"
Hawley Road	#69	Easterly	28'	8"	"
" "	#15	Westerly	173'	8"	"
Meachem Street	Whitman Avenue	Spear Street	240'	10"	"
Glendale Avenue	Kenmore Road	Conrad Road	95'	8"	"
Woodcrest Dr. E.	Woodcrest Dr.N.	Southerly	80'	8"	"
Sycamore Road	Bow Street	Northerly	102'	12"	"
Bratley Street	#26	"	35'	6"	"
		and	14'	8"	"
Hawes Avenue	Hawley Road	"	48'	6"	"
Harold Street	Leah Street	Easterly	54'	8"	"
Carlida Road	Howard Street	Cranmore Lane	587'	10"	"
Cranmore Lane	#18	Northerly	38'	10"	"
Sylvan Street	Main Street	Derby Road	372'	8"	"
Appleton Street	Elliott Street	Fairmont St.	191'	8"	"
Worth Street	#30	Westerly	93'	10"	"
			Total -	3205'	

MAIN LINE RELAY

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>SIZE & KIND</u>	<u>REPLACING</u>
Philpot Ter.	Upham Street	Southerly	80	1" copper	1" lead
Lebanon St.	Grove Street	Upham St.	1300	10" C.L.	6" C.L.
Laurel St.	Lebanon St.	Easterly	33	8" "	6" "
E. Foster St.	" "	"	50	8" "	6" "
First St.	" "	"	35	8" "	6" "
Winter St.	" "	Westerly	15	8" "	6" "
Waverly Ave.	E. Foster St.	Laurel St.	445	12" "	6" "
Chester St.	Florence St.	Adams St.	280	6" "	4" "
				and	4" cement
Mountain Ave.	#25	Hancock St.	597	10" "	6" C.L.
Hancock St.	Mountain Ave.	Easterly	13	8" "	6" "
Church St.	" "	Westerly	15	8" "	6" C.L.
North Ave.	Stoneham line	Easterly	129	6" "	6" "
			2929'		

MAINS LOWERED & RELAID

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>REPLACING</u>
Grandview Ave.	#2	#16	100	8"	C.L.
Leah Street	Harold St.	Northerly	75	8"	"
Harold Street	Leah St.	Westerly	50	8"	"
Appleton Street	Elliott St.	"	170	8"	"
			395		

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GENERAL SUMMARY - WATER DIVISION

Work Done This Year

3227 Linear Feet - New mains laid.
3415 " " Mains relaid.
10950 " " Services laid.
145 New Services laid.
65 Services in street renewed.
16 Services in private property renewed.
3 Services in private property repaired.
35 Services in street repaired.
44 Services in private property and street renewed.
79 Services cleaned.
180 Services turned off. On repairs, vacancy, occupancy, building purposes.
130 Emergency service leaks investigated.
21 Emergency main leaks investigated.
22 Leaks in main line repaired.
100 Curb and gates boxes reset.
7 Additional Hydrants set.
23 Additional gates set.
10 Gates repaired.
14 Gates replaced.
14 Hydrants replaced and reset.
550 Hydrants repaired and painted.
50 Hydrants flushed.
106 New Meters set on new services.
33 New Meters replaced old meters discarded.
4 New meters replaced meters to be repaired.
187 New meters purchased.
180 Old meters repaired.
45 Old meters discarded.
82 Meters repaired in service.
300 Special meter readings.

System Data

7442 Water services. Active 7308
557 City hydrants.
6 Private hydrants.
1665 Gates on mains.
31 Fire service. Active 27.
7281 Meters in service.

MECHANICAL DIVISION

This division operates under the direction of a foreman mechanic Burton J. Shaughnessey and has expanded its repairing operations to include all the other departments in the City with the exception of the Park Department, Fire Department and Cemetery Department.

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This centralization of maintenance and repair has proven to be both efficient and economical. At the present time this division with a working force of four men including the foreman mechanic maintain the following vehicles:

Public Works Department: 2 car, 9 pickups, 16 trucks, 9 sidewalk tractors, 2 snow loaders, 2 backhoes, 2 front end loaders, 1 electric welder, 4 gas generators, 7 gas pumps, 2 large air compressors, 2 small air compressors, 1 paint sprayer, 1 tree sprayer, 2 leaf loaders, 1 crane truck, 2 large sewer machines, 2 small sewer machines, 2 sewer pumping stations, 1 sand spreaders, 3 salt spreaders, 1 salt loader, 4 gas tree saws, 2 electric tree saws, 1 street sweeper, 2 gas rollers 1 concrete saw, 1 portable tar spreader, 1 sand box spreader,

Police Department: 4 cruisers, 1 ambulance;

Building Department: 2 automobiles;

Wire Department: 1 truck, 1 automobiles;

Welfare Department: 1 automobile;

School Department: 1 truck;

A total of 45 mobile vehicles and 55 pieces of miscellaneous equipment to be maintained.

There was purchased this year by the Public Works Department the following equipment;

1 two ton truck and winch for tree crew (replacement),
2 pickup trucks (replacement),
Broom attachment for Hough loader (additional),
Air compressor for repair shop (replacement),
Back-hoe (Hopto) - (added),
Electric motor generator City Yard (added).

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

For school construction a six room addition at the Winthrop School was started early in the spring and soon after that an addition to the Horace Mann School consisting of two classrooms, an all purpose room, and the conversion of an all purpose room in the original in the original building to a classroom. The development of the plans and the specifications, clearance with the State School Building assistance Commission, the taking of contract bids and letting of the contracts together with the supervision as required by charter of the construction has been carried out from the City Engineer's office.

The preparation of plans and specifications for a new six classroom, kindergarten, all purpose room, and administrative suite school on West Foster Street, to replace the old Gooch School, have been developed for the taking of bids in early 1956.

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STATISTICS

CITY OF MELROSE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Location	7 miles north of Boston
Population January 1, 1955	29,239
Number of Voters	16,097
Greatest extent of City, east and west	2.85 miles
Greatest extent of City, north and south	2.44 miles
Valuation of Real Estate	45,642,800.00
Valuation of Personal Property	3,392,650.00
Tax Rate - per thousand	58.00
Area of City:	
Land	3,079.50 acres
Water	35.50 acres
Length of Public Streets	65.35
Length of Private Streets	10.35
Length of Water Mains	80.45
Length of Sewer Mains	69.67
Range of pressure on Mains	23-46 lbs.
Number of 1000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANOH	1162
Number of 1000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANUG	5
Number of 2500 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANOH	76
Number of 2500 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANUG	1
Number of 6000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANOH	28
Number of 6000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANUG	39
Number of 10000 Lumen Incandescent Lights MNUG	1
Number of 11000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANOH	2
Number of 1000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANUG	2
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANUG	65
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights MNUG	18
Number of 15000 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lights ANOH	11
Area of Parks:	
Bowden Park	.62
Colby Park	.90
Ell Pond Park	34.41
Horace Mann Park	.60
Lebanon Street Playground	.95
Lincoln School Playground	1.60
Melrose Common	4.40
Messengers Meadow Playground	2.89
Middlesex Fells	170.00
Mount Hood	225.00
Pine Banks	81.80
Sewall Woods Park	9.00
Conant Park	4.80
Wyoming Cemetery	43.50
Elevation, Main Street at City Hall - 61 feet above mean tide	
Elevation, Franklin Square - 85 feet above mean tide	

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CONCLUSION

For the past fifteen years the year of 1955 was second only to 1954 in volume of work handled through the Public Works Department and the total personnel ran slightly under that of 1953. The construction of additions to the Winthrop and Horace Mann Schools together with the development of plans and specifications for a new Beebe Elementary School imposed quite an added responsibility to the department.

It is again gratifying to record the splendid example of cooperation of the personnel of the Public Works Department with the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen and the several other boards, committees, commissions and individuals and to express appreciation for the consideration which those outside the department have given to us.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Glen S. Weeks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Glen" being more prominent than the last name "Weeks".

Glen S. Weeks
Engineer and Superintendent
Public Works Department

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Recreation Commission respectfully submits its report for the year 1955.

Present membership and organization: John T. Brady, Chairman; Mrs. Margaret Restall, Clerk; Herbert R. Corey, Lewis H. Keith, John M. Kirk, Howard R. True.

Changes during the year: Herbert R. Corey was appointed as the representative of the Planning Board to replace Edward F. Riley, resigned. J. Arthur Johnson resigned late in the year and has not been replaced at year's end.

For the first time since its creation the Commission had the services of a Director of Recreation working part time throughout the year, and he planned, organized and conducted a year-round program of recreational activities that met with enthusiastic public approval.

New activities introduced in the expanded and improved summer playground program included dramatics, story-telling, group singing and an increased number of trips to various beaches, Fenway Park, historical shrines and the MDC zoo. From May into September instruction in tennis, with clinics and tournament play, was provided to encourage more boys and girls to take up this sport, and the response was gratifying. Nearly 100 were enrolled.

The polio scare reduced playground attendance somewhat late in the season, but the total exceeded 25,000, and it also cut the number of boys and girls going to the MDC Swimming Pool in Stoneham, yet the daily average was 350 and the season total about 15,000.

Sponsorship and overall supervision of the Men's Municipal Softball League, consisting of 10 teams and about 200 players, was continued and this project has been very popular.

The Halloween program was changed somewhat and proved more satisfactory. The street parade that had been attracting a dwindling number of participants each year was eliminated and costumes were judged prior to the entertainment for youngsters in Memorial Hall. A record hop was conducted for teen agers in the City Hall parking area, and more than 1500 enjoyed it immensely.

A new development in winter recreation is the Inter-church Basketball League for girls of high school age with about 100 enthusiastic participants. An Inter-church Basketball League for boys of high school age not on varsity teams was also sponsored and supervised, and completed a schedule of 56 games.

Another new development in winter recreation that has proved notably successful is a Ski School for youngsters conducted with the fine co-operation of the Park Department

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and the Melrose Hickory Hawks Ski Club that was organized under sponsorship of this Commission. About 115 enrolled for expert instruction and practical training which they received free of charge through the kindness of members of the Hickory Hawks, who served as instructors without compensation.

Most important of the new projects launched is the organization of a Municipal Junior Advisory Council after a study of such organizations operating successfully in other municipalities. Consisting of representatives of each class in the Melrose High School and St. Mary's High School, it is expected to be very helpful to this Commission in determining the kind of recreation and recreation facilities that will have the greatest appeal to teen agers in this city. The idea is to encourage teen agers to actively engage in fostering improved recreation. The Director of Recreation will serve as advisor to the organization.

The Commission feels that Mr. Charles V. Tousley has proved to be a capable and conscientious Director of Recreation.

The Commission appreciates the hearty co-operation received from His Honor, the Mayor; the Honorable Board of Aldermen, the Park Department and the School Department.

The report of the Director of Recreation follows.

Respectfully submitted
for the
Recreation Commission



John T. Brady
Chairman

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Mr. John T. Brady, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Recreation Commission

Gentlemen:

May I present my annual report for the year 1955.

1955 ANNUAL REPORT

The following report, covering the program during the year 1955, includes all of the major activities organized and sponsored by the Recreation Department on a part time basis.

It is the feeling of the director that the season has been one of progress over all, in spite of inroads on attendance due to the "Polio" epidemic during the summer.

The summer season really got under way with the Municipal Men's Softball league on May 2, followed shortly by the Junior Tennis program and the opening of the playground season.

Sixteen persons are employed by the department including fourteen recreation leaders full time for nine weeks, and a part time secretary and the director the year round.

The esprit de corps was excellent amongst the staff personnel. The morale of the children was good. Much of the usual noncooperative actions, so common on each playground here to fore, was absent. It was not necessary at anytime to file complaints with parents. The program contained several new games and activities and the participation in all forms of activities was greater than before.

The director was fortunate in having the services of Miss Nancy Weeks in whose charge was placed storytelling, drama, music, trips, and special tournaments. She did a fine job and was unselfish in giving of her extra time as well as the use of her car on many occasions.

More trips were enjoyed by the children this summer than before. Trips for children varying in number from twelve to fifty were made to Nahant Beach (7trips), to the zoo (4 times), Lynn Beach (2), to Salem (2), to Cherry Hill Farm (1), to the Red Sox-Washington game (1), berry picking (several), small children to wading pool (6). Many of these were at the expense of the leaders who furnished transportation.

HANDCRAFT

The handcraft program was excellently carried on according to the pattern in use for several seasons. The

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handcraft leader visited, on schedule, a different playground each morning and supervised the Coolidge shop each afternoon where general classifications occupied three days and special crafts on two days each week. This program came to a close on August 25, with the annual exhibition and contest in the following categories: leaf printing, oil painting, tato printing, potato printing, glass decoration, copper work, soap carving, water color, clay modelling, plate decoration, pot holders, miscellaneous, crayon drawing, cut paper, chalk drawing, and gimp work.

BUSES TO THE POOL

Buses to the Stoneham pool began operating on June 2, and continued according to schedule, carrying an average of 350 boys and girls for forty-two days. In July this dropped off somewhat and averaged about 300 a day.

In August this number decreased due to the "Polio" epidemic, and from August 1 through August 10 we were carrying between 80 and 100 children a day. From August 10 to August 17, when this operation stopped, I do not feel we carried more than 50 children a day.

ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the many activities embraced by this department during the summer: treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, clean-up contests, handcraft, educational trips, hiking, circle and line games, individual contests, track and field, tennis, horseshoes, tetherball, baseball, softball, tag football, variety of tag games, story-telling, circuses, dramatic plays and skits, berry picking, checker tournaments, horseshoe tournaments, croquet tournaments, bean bags, jump rope, bounce ball, P.G. ball, costume and doll carriage parades.

PLAYGROUND ATTENDANCE FIGURES "1955"

The following totals are from forty days of actual operation of the program. Five days of the proposed forty-five day program were not averaged as follows:

July 4-	- - - - -	-Holiday
Aug. 12	- - - - -	-Rain
Aug. 18	- - - - -	-Rain
Aug. 19	- - - - -	-Rain
Aug. 23	- - - - -	-Rain

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GENERAL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Ave.</u>
Common	3388	84.7	2662	66.55	6050	151.2
Conant	1452	36.3	735	18.375	2187	54.675
Hesseltine	2145	53.625	1754	43.85	3899	97.475
Lebanon	2030	50.75	1664	41.6	3694	92.3
Lincoln	2203	55.075	1460	36.5	3663	91.58
Messengers	2547	63.675	1266	31.65	3813	95.3
Handcraft	447	11.175	492	12.3	939	23.475

COMPARATIVE AVERAGES

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Common	95	117	170.1	151.2
Conant	56	64	74.5	54.67
Hesseltine	51	68	93.4	97.475
Lebanon	49	76	95.9	92.3
Lincoln	115	101	115.1	91.58
Messengers	45	60	91.2	95.3

INTER-CHURCH BOYS' BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The fifty-six game schedule plus four play-off games were played during the season.

The league proved to be very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by the one hundred fifteen high-school-age boys for which it was organized.

Games were played on Wednesday and Thursday nights beginning January 5 and 6, using the facilities of the Roosevelt School. Custodian's fees were met through public funds, each church sharing the expenses for referees.

At this writing the second annual league schedule is well underway as well as a girls' league of seven teams.

The following churches sponsored teams in the league: First Baptist, First Congregational, Green Street Baptist, Highlands Congregational, Hillcrest Congregational, Methodist, St. Mary's Roman Catholic, and Trinity Episcopal.

MUNICIPAL MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

There were nearly two hundred men on the ten teams entered in the 1955 league playing one hundred thirty-five games and nine in a play-off series.

Games were played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at Pine Banks and each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings at the Common.

The recreation director is also the appointed softball commissioner in Melrose and supervises the league.

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Teams represented were: Mystics, Witches, I.V.'s, Commuters, Jets, V.F.W., Filters, Independents, First Methodist, and National Guard.

The Mystics won the regular season championship, and the V.F.W. team won the play-offs.

JUNIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

As an approach to the problems of the teen-ager, the director, after some research, organized a group of representatives from Melrose High School and St. Mary's High School into a junior council.

Members are duly elected by the students and are representatives from each class and one at large.

Meetings are held at least once a month in the Recreation Office for the purpose of setting forth the needs and desires of the youth recommending those things which will benefit not only the youth but the City of Melrose as a whole.

The membership in 1955-56 includes the following students: Joan Alley and Mark Smith, Melrose High freshmen; Linda Griffin and David Rogers, Melrose High sophomores; June Malone and Robert McCoy, Melrose High juniors; Sandra McBeth and Edward Reinhardt, Melrose High seniors; Anne Hackett, St. Mary's junior; Carol Bolduc, St. Mary's senior; Arthur Anderson, Melrose High senior at large.

The recreation director is advisor.

STAGEMOBILE

On Wednesday, August 3, the Melrose Recreation Department presented the Community Recreation Service's Stagemobile in morning and afternoon performances. Some six hundred children from all over the city enjoyed the two plays, "Hansel and Gretel" and "Pinocchio."

The plays were done by members of the Boston Children's Theater, and the children played the various parts in the fantasies.

Both morning and afternoon, the park department transported youngsters from Common, Lebanon, Lincoln, and Conant playgrounds.

PET SHOW

The annual pet show, sponsored by the Recreation Department and assisted by the Park Department, was held Monday evening, August 22, at the M.H.S. athletic field.

Over forty youngsters, many accompanied by their parents, exhibited their pets at the show. Judges were Charles Mitchell, Edwin Weeks, and Gardner Brewer.

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DOLL CARRIAGE AND COSTUME PARADES

Cool weather and fair skies combined to contribute to the success of the recreation department's annual parade of decorated doll carriages and costumes.

There were seventy-five youngsters who competed for the prizes of large dolls, medium size dolls and small dolls, electric clocks, cameras, games, ball point pens, and ribbons.

The Recreation Department expresses its thanks to the judges who were Mrs. John Gilbert, Mrs. Mae Gullage, Miss Irma Pendleton, Mrs. John Hogan, Mrs. Clifford Olson, and Miss Mary Harris.

FIELD DAY

Two field days were held this year as an experiment. One was held for boys and one for girls.

The boys' field day was held as usual under clear, blue but hot skies on August 17.

Over one hundred fifty representing the six playgrounds competed in some twenty specialty and novelty events for teams and individuals.

The girls' field day, postponed twice because of rain, was held Thursday, August 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the athletic field. The point results of the field day were added to the boys' efforts toward the grand championship.

The list of boys' events are as follows: CLASS A - 100 yard dash, 75 yard dash, 50 yard dash, standing broad jump, baseball throw, 4-man relay. CLASS B - 75 yard dash, 50 yard dash, baseball throw, standing broad jump, 8-man shuttle relay. CLASS C - 40 yard dash, standing broad jump, sack race, potato race, 3 legged race.

The girls' events are as follows: CLASS A - 50 yard dash, softball throw, standing broad jump. CLASS B - 50 yard dash, standing broad jump, basketball throw, jump rope contest, bounce ball contest. CLASS C - sack race, 3 legged race, potato race, standing broad jump, jump rope contest, 40 yard dash.

CELEBRATIONS

FOURTH OF JULY

A total of 1600 youngsters attended the July 4 program at the Melrose Theatre, sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Two showings, one at 9 a.m. and another at 10:30, were held to accommodate the large crowd.

Cartoons and comedy movies were presented for the youngsters and at the end of each program, flags and refreshments were given each child.

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Assisting the recreation director and his staff were Rep. Theodore Vaitses, Aldermen Philip Wadland, John A. Lavender, Allen B. Copeland and Richard H. McIntosh, and John T. Brady, chairman, and Lewis H. Keith of the recreation commission.

Ice cream and flags were taken to the children at the Melrose Hospital, and ice cream was given to the Fitch Home.

HALLOWEEN

A crowd estimated at between 1200 and 1500 orderly teen-agers from Melrose, and many from out of town, enjoyed an entire evening of dancing on Halloween in the parking lot in the rear of the fire station.

As the "platters" were spun by Gil Mills and his assistants, and the tempo of the down beat increased, sporadic demonstrations of light-footed gyrations broke out all over the place. The crowd stayed until the last number died out.

The dance was a huge success and was due, in no small way, to the splendid co-operation of the Fire Department, the Police Department, and to the teen-agers themselves and the many civic-minded citizens who assisted in the endeavor.

Preliminary to the dance, the smaller children were engrossed in a costume contest. It was difficult for the judges to make the decisions and award first, second, and third prizes.

Promptly at 6:30 p.m. the parade was begun with Fire Chief Field leading the "snake dance" past the judges again and again. At this time costumes were being judged for the most beautiful, the most horrible, and the most original. A total of twenty-three children out of the two hundred contestants were picked to enter the finals on the stage in Memorial Hall. After due deliberation 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes were awarded in the following classes: prettiest costume, most original, and most horrible. The finalists, who didn't win a place in the competition, were given a consolation ribbon.

The judges were: Miss Helen Anderson, Miss Janet McGray, and Lewis Keith. Others assisting the recreation director during the evening were John Day, Adolph Forsberg, Robert Fogg, Walter Wright, Aldermen Allen Copeland, Ronald Winde, and Raymond Campbell, Mrs. Henry Restall, John Brady, and Murray Nickerson.

After awarding the prizes, which were presented by John Brady, chairman of the Recreation Commission, three acts of professional entertainment were enjoyed by between 300 and 400 elementary and grammar-school age youngsters.

RECREATION COMMISSION

TENNIS

The tennis program of the previous year was so successful that it was decided to proceed with it again in 1955.

More than 100 boys and girls signed up for the tennis class taught by Mr. Paul Conway, 143 Vinton Street, and assisted by Miss Priscilla Hoyt, 17 Enmore Road, and Sheila McFadden, 132 Walton Park.

Until school was over for the year, the class attendance on Saturday mornings held up well. After school was out, however, the attendance settled down to about forty regulars who stayed in Melrose most of the summer.

A tennis clinic was held and presided over by Mr. George Corish, chairman of the Clinic Committee of the New England Lawn Tennis Association. The clinic was well attended by the boys and girls who enjoyed and profited by the exhibition played by two experts.

Two groups were formed, class A and B for girls; and a ladder tournament was promoted each Saturday until the last of September for which prizes were given.

The boys were organized into a team to play outside teams, members of the New England Junior Tennis League. Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Gilley, 255 Upham Street, assisted greatly in scheduling matches for this league.

In September a bracket tournament was run for girls up to and including 12 years of age in B class and up to and including 15 years in A class.

Trophies were awarded to the winners in each class.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SALARIES AND WAGES		
Appropriated		\$6941.00
Expenditures	\$6941.00	
Balance	None	
OTHER EXPENSES		
Appropriated		2575.00
Expenditures	2575.00	
Balance	None	
CELEBRATIONS		
Appropriated		500.00
Expenditures	500.00	
Balance	None	
(Fourth of July Halloween)		
BUSES TO SWIMMING POOL		
Appropriated		2000.00
Expenditures	1494.00	
*Balance	506.00	

RECREATION COMMISSION

* Buses suspended in August due to Health Department recommendation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank His Honor the Mayor, the Honorable Aldermen, members of the Recreation Commission, the Park Department, Fire Department, Police Department and man citizens who have given most generously of their time in assisting in the different phases of a most successful recreation program.

Respectfully submitted,

C.V. Tousley

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Recreation Director

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

January 31, 1956

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Board of Registrars of Voters for the year 1955 is herewith submitted.

As required by law, the Registrars caused lists to be made of all persons twenty years of age and older found to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1955. The number so listed was as follows:-

<u>1-1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-1</u>	<u>2-2</u>	<u>3-1</u>	<u>3-2</u>	<u>4-1</u>	<u>4-2</u>	<u>5-1</u>	<u>5-2</u>
1,194	1,247	1,668	1,762	1,153	1,228	1,236	1,540	1,402	1,684
<u>6-1</u>	<u>6-2</u>	<u>7-1</u>	<u>7-2</u>	<u>7-3</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>				
1,334	1,241	1,034	1,286	812	19,821				

As directed by His honor, the Mayor, the decennial census of all persons residing in the city of Melrose on January 1, 1955, was made under the supervision of the Registrars of Voters. The number of persons found to be so residing, as reported to His Honor, the Mayor, and by him transmitted to the Secretary of State, was as follows:-

<u>1-1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-1</u>	<u>2-2</u>	<u>3-1</u>	<u>3-2</u>	<u>4-1</u>	<u>4-2</u>	<u>5-1</u>	<u>5-2</u>
1,812	1,861	2,429	2,500	1,698	1,843	1,685	2,269	2,044	2,466
<u>6-1</u>	<u>6-2</u>	<u>7-1</u>	<u>7-2</u>	<u>7-3</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>				
1,961	1,827	1,585	1,999	1,259	29,239				

Lists containing the names of all male persons twenty years of age and older found by the Registrars to be residing in the city on January 1, 1955, to the number indicated below, were transmitted to the Assessors, as required by law:-

<u>1-1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-1</u>	<u>2-2</u>	<u>3-1</u>	<u>3-2</u>	<u>4-1</u>	<u>4-2</u>	<u>5-1</u>	<u>5-2</u>
542	552	787	794	520	560	498	697	653	773
<u>6-1</u>	<u>6-2</u>	<u>7-1</u>	<u>7-2</u>	<u>7-3</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>				
602	581	548	667	376	9,040				

Questionnaires were sent to 225 female persons and to 300 male persons for the purpose of determining their qualifications for jury service. From the replies received to these questionnaires, 124 female persons and 202 male persons, making a total of 326, were found to be qualified and their names were included in the jury list.

The names of 154 enrolled voters of the Democratic party and 165 enrolled voters of the Republican party were determined by the Registrars to be those of persons qualified for service as election officers, and a list containing the names of such persons was transmitted to His Honor, the Mayor, as required by law.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Applications for registration for voting were received during regular business hours, except for the period preceding the city election when registration was required by law to cease, and at four special evening sessions. During the year the names of 565 persons were added to the general and current annual registers of voters.

The names of 1,108 persons found to be no longer qualified to vote by reason of removal from the city, death or other causes were stricken from the register of voters.

The number of persons whose names were included in the current annual register of voters as of December 31, 1955, was:-

<u>1-1</u> 945	<u>1-2</u> 947	<u>2-1</u> 1,100	<u>2-2</u> 1,358	<u>3-1</u> 964	<u>3-2</u> 947	<u>4-1</u> 939	<u>4-2</u> 1,307	<u>5-1</u> 1,112	<u>5-2</u> 1,237
<u>6-1</u> 1,015	<u>6-2</u> 994	<u>7-1</u> 803	<u>7-2</u> 1,051	<u>7-3</u> 570	<u>TOTAL</u> 15,586				

In addition, 76 residents of Melrose serving in the armed forces were qualified, either of direct application or on application by their kindred, for voting by absent voting ballot at the city election, making the total number of duly registered and qualified voters as of December 31, 1955, 15,562.

The ratio of duly registered voters to population in 1955 was 53.99%.

Signatures appearing on nomination papers of candidates to be voted for at the city election were certified as being those of duly registered voters of the city of Melrose to the number of 3,098.

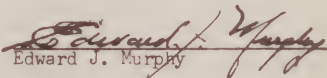
Special postcard forms of application for absent voting ballots for the city election were sent to 551 residents of Melrose of voting age who, as indicated by the records of the Registrars of Voters, were believed to be serving in the armed forces.

The names of 152 persons making application for absent voting ballots for the city election, including 136 persons serving in the armed forces, from whom, or in whose behalf, applications for official war ballots were received, were certified as being those of duly registered or qualified voters of the city of Melrose.

The total number of sessions held by the Registrars of Voters during the year 1955 was 22.

The sum of \$541.75 was received for 45 copies of the 1954 Street Lists, at 75¢ each, and 508 copies of the 1955 Street Lists, at \$1.00 each, sold during the year.


Fergus W. Griffin, Chairman


Edward J. Murphy


Charles E. Holt


Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Retirement Board of the Contributory Retirement System
of the City of Melrose respectfully submits its 19th Annual Report
covering the transactions of the System for the year ended December
31, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur M. Ireland.....Chairman

Robert L. Hutchinson.....

Walter Jones.....Secretary

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM CITY OF MELROSE

Statement of Income and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1955

Amount of Ledger Assets Dec. 31, 1955 \$534,108.77

INCOME

From Members:

Regular contributions:

Group A	\$ 32,740.50	
Group B	<u>15,019.21</u>	\$47,759.71

Voluntary additional contribu-

tions, Group A	1,039.50	
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Late entry payments

Group A	324.59	
Group B	<u>184.38</u>	1,548.47

Re-deposits

Group A	64.29	
Group B	<u>132.60</u>	196.89

From employer:

Contributions to Pension Fund	44,078.71	
Contribution for Expenses	<u>1,750.00</u>	45,828.71

Due from City for Military

Service Credit	364.61	364.61
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Reimbursement from other systems	288.60	288.60
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From interest:

-Gross interest on bonds and dividends on stocks, less \$174.84 accrued interest on bonds acquired during the year;	14,626.08	
-Gross interest on cooperative shares	2,033.00	
-Gross interest on deposit in trust companies and banks	<u>386.67</u>	17,045.75

Accrued interest on bonds

Dec. 31, 1955		4,234.27
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Gross profit on sale of bond	37.50	37.50
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Gross increase by adjustment of Ledger assets;

Bonds by amortization	46.28	
Stocks per Schedule 2	<u>2,192.00</u>	2,238.28

Total Income		<u>119,542.79</u>
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TOTAL AVAILABLE RECEIPTS		\$ 653,651.56
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CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

Amount Brought Forward \$653,651.56

DISHURSEMENTS

Annuity Payments:		
Regular		\$ 2,648.02
Ordinary and Accidental Disability		821.76
Additional on account of voluntary contributions		211.44
Annuity payments to beneficiaries of deceased annuitants under Opt.(c) and (d)		251.04
Pension payments:		
Option (a)	\$7,620.59	
Option (b)	<u>22,505.74</u>	30,126.33
Survivorship payments:		
Option (d)	2,458.52	2,458.52
Disability Pension Payments:		
Ordinary	1,258.44	
Accidental	<u>15,499.57</u>	16,758.11
Pension Reimbursements paid to other Systems		93.56
Refunds:		
Withdrawals from Annuity Savings Fund:		
Deaths		3,623.85
All others		10,999.68
Administrative Expenses:		
Salaries	1,055.00	
Printing and Stationery	82.90	
Postage, telephone and express	39.73	
Travel, association dues	82.52	
Safe dep. rent; premium on bonds	57.50	
Typewriter maintenance	<u>15.00</u>	1,332.65
Accrued interest on bonds Dec. 31, 1955		4,039.52
Gross loss on sale of bond		2.06
Gross decrease by adjustment of Ledger assets;		
Bonds by amortization	219.72	
Stocks by decrease in market value	<u>240.00</u>	459.72
Total disbursements		<u>73,826.26</u>
TOTAL LEDGER ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1955		\$ 579,825.30

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1955

ASSETS

Book Value of	
Bonds	437,337.58
Stocks	<u>45,501.00</u>
Book value of Cooperative	
Shares	
Deposits in Trust companies	
and banks not on interest	
Deposits in Trust companies	
and banks on interest	
Due from City for Military	
Service Credit	
Accrued interest on bonds	

LIABILITIES

Annuit Savings Fund		\$ 378,820.49
Annuit Reserve Fund	\$482,838.58	52,430.26
Special Fund for Military Service	82,000.00	6,035.43
Pension Fund	387.84	142,117.25
Expense Fund	10,000.00	421.87
	364.61	
	<u>4,234.27</u>	
	\$ 579,825.30	\$ 579,825.30

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

SCHEDULE OF BONDS DECEMBER 31, 1955

Government	Due	Percent	Book Value
			Dec. 31, 1955
U. S. Savings, Series G	July 1956	2½	\$ 5,000.00
" " "	Feb. 1957	"	5,000.00
" " "	June 1957	"	5,000.00
" " "	Feb. 1958	"	5,000.00
" " "	July 1958	"	7,000.00
" " "	Sept. 1958	"	5,000.00
" " "	Dec. 1958	"	5,000.00
" " "	Feb. 1959	"	5,000.00
" " "	Feb. 1959	"	24,000.00
" " "	July 1959	"	3,000.00
" " "	Oct. 1959	"	5,000.00
" " "	Nov. 1959	"	4,000.00
" " "	Feb. 1960	"	25,000.00
" " "	Dec. 1960	"	5,000.00
" " "	Jan. 1961	"	3,000.00
" " "	Oct. 1961	"	5,000.00
" " "	Nov. 1961	"	7,845.00
" " "	Sept. 1963	"	6,000.00
" " "	Feb. 1967	2.76	10,000.00
Total Governments			\$139,945.00

Railroads

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	Oct. 1955	4	3,211.47
" " "	Oct. 1955	4	1,071.73
" " "	Oct. 1955	4	1,071.73
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co.	Mar. 1992	4½	6,033.11
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	Aug. 1985	3-1/8	4,019.20
Erie Railroad Co. Ser. E	Oct. 1964	3½	5,130.32
Great Northern Rwy. Co.	Jan. 2010	2-5/8	6,754.55
" " "	Jan. 2000	3-1/8	994.03
" " "	Jan. 2000	3-1/8	5,964.36
Lexington & Eastern Rwy.Co.	Apr. 1965	5	3,288.49
" " "	Apr. 1965	5	2,179.47
Louisville & Nashville R.R.Co.	Apr. 2003	2-7/8	4,935.67
N.Y. Central & Hudson River R.R.	Jul. 1997	3½	4,924.65
" " "	Jul. 1997	3½	4,924.64
" " "	Jul. 1997	3½	4,924.65
Northern Pacific Rwy. Co.	Jan. 1997	4	5,976.18
" " "	Jan. 1997	4	3,984.12
Oregon & Washington R.R.	Oct. 1960	3	5,048.50
Reading Co. R.R.	May 1995	3-1/8	5,005.92
Southern Pacific R.R. Co.	Jan. 1986	2-7/8	5,086.00
" " "	Jan. 1996	2-3/4	5,000.00
St. Louis, San Francisco Rwy.	Jan. 1997	4	7,364.93
Texas Pacific Rwy.Co.	June 2000	5	1,093.70
" " "	June 2000	5	1,093.70
" " "	June 2000	5	1,093.70
Virginian Rwy.Co. Ser. B	May 1995	3	5,299.29
Total Railroads			\$ 105,474.11

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

SCHEDULE OF BONDS DECEMBER 31, 1955 (continued)

Utilities

Arkansas Power & Light	Apr.1985	3-3/8	\$5,069.84
Boston Edison Co.	Dec.1970	2-3/4	4,063.86
" "	Apr.1980	2-3/4	5,116.08
Central Maine Power Co.	May 1976	2-3/4	5,078.09
Consolidated Edison of New York	June1972	2-3/4	4,883.33
" " " "	Jan.1984	3-3/8	5,217.85
" Gas,Elec.Lt. & Pwr.Co.	Jan.1986	2-3/4	5,059.80
The Detroit Edison Co.	Nov.1976	3-3/8	5,233.67
Duquesne Light Co.	Aug.1977	2-3/4	5,073.50
Indianapolis Power & Light	Oct.1979	2-7/8	5,179.34
Notern Indiana Pub. Serv. Co.	Aug.1973	3-1/8-	4,079.02
Ohio Power Co.	Oct.1968	3 1/4	5,120.81
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	Dec.1980	2-7/8	5,213.49
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire	Jan.1973	3 1/4	5,288.88
Public Service Electric & Gas Co.	May 1980	2-3/4	5,071.22
Seattle Gas Co.	Jan.1976	3-5/8	2,080.29
" " "	Jan.1976	3-5/8	5,200.96
Southern California Edison Co.	Feb.1976	2-7/8	4,920.90
" " " "	Sept1965	3	5,096.84
Wisconsin Power & Light Co.	Aug.1971	3 1/4	2,084.69
" " " "	Aug.1971	3 1/4	3,127.03
" " " "	Jan.1971	3 1/4	5,180.77
American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Apr.1982	2-3/4	9,797.73
Illinois Bell Telephone	Jan.1981	2-3/4	9,910.20
Mountain States Tel. & Tel.Co.	May 1986	2-5/8	4,987.50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	Mar.1974	3	5,214.12
" " " "	Dec.1977	2 1/4	5,000.00
New Jersey Bell Tel. Co.	Jul.1988	3-1/8	5,246.61
Pacifica Gas & Elec. Co.	Dec.1985	3-3/8	5,050.00
New York Tel. Co.	Jul.1982	2-3/4	5,057.99
" " "	Jul.1982	2-3/4	4,687.41
Northwestern Bell Tel. Co.	June1984	2-3/4	4,661.99
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	Oct.1986	2-7/8	5,171.25
" " " "	Nov.1979	3 1/4	4,910.17
Southern Bell Tel. & Tel.	Jul.1987	2-7/8	5,217.49
" " " "	Jul.1979	3	4,826.00
Southwestern Bell Tel. Co.	Oct.1985	2-2/4	9,939.75
Total Utilities			\$192,018.47

Total Government	\$139,845.00
Total Railroads	105,474.11
Total Utilities	192,018.47
	<u>\$437,337.58</u>

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS - DECEMBER 31, 1955

	<u>No. of Shares</u>	<u>Market Value</u> <u>Dec. 31, 1955</u>
The First National Bank of Boston	216	\$11,040.00
Guaranty Trust Company of N.Y.	100	8,300.00
The Merchants National Bank of Boston	100	4,200.00
" " " " "	16	672.00
Middlesex County National Bank	105	5,565.00
National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.	120	5,280.00
Newton-Waltham Trust Co.	50	2,500.00
Security Trust Company of Lynn, Mass.	37	2,109.00
Second Bank-State Street Trust Co.	45	2,835.00
Total Stocks		<u>\$ 45,501.00</u>

SCHEDULE OF COOPERATIVE BANK SHARES December 31, 1955

	<u>No. of Shares</u>	<u>Market Value</u> <u>Dec. 31, 1955</u>
Beverley Cooperative Bank	10	\$ 2,000.00
Hyannis Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
Malden Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
" " " "	10	2,000.00
" " " "	10	2,000.00
" " " "	30	6,000.00
Mattapan " "	10	2,000.00
" " " "	10	2,000.00
Meeting House Hill Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
" " " "	20	4,000.00
Melrose Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
" " " "	20	4,000.00
" " " "	20	4,000.00
" " " "	30	6,000.00
Merchants " "	20	4,000.00
Middleborough" "	10	2,000.00
Wellesley " "	10	2,000.00
Waverly " "	80	16,000.00
Wakefield " "	80	16,000.00
Total		<u>\$ 82,000.00</u>

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

MEMBERS RETIRED IN YEAR 1955

<u>Name</u>	<u>Former Position</u>	<u>Date Retired</u>
Helen Coye, beneficiary of Francis L. Coye	Laborer	12/25/54
George A. LeFave	"	4/22/55
Frank Gilmartin	"	10/31/55

RETIRED MEMBERS DECEASED IN 1955

None

RETIRED MEMBERS AS OF DEC. 31, 1955

Arthur A. Hayden	Board of Health	12/19/38
Charles H. Shattuck	School Janitor	6/30/39
Andrew W. H. Restall	Clerk	6/30/39
Ralph Hallahan	Truck Driver	10/20/40
Everard Martin	Laborer	6/29/41
George L. Stewart	Call Fireman	12/3/41
Arthur H. Bright	Janitor	10/8/42
Bertha C. Lapham	Clerk	6/5/44
Victor H. Kirnes	Laborer	11/28/44
Walter H. Flanders	School Physician	3/25/45
Fred C. Fellows	Call Fireman	4/ 1/46
Philip C. Cassell	Laborer	5/ 3/46
George H. Cray	Superintendent	6/ 1/46
Eugene F. McCarthy	Foreman	4/ 3/46
Arthur J. Burke	Laborer	1/22/47
Paul V. DeFranco	Patrolman	5/5/47
Lillian B. Warren	Clerk	3/31/48
John E. Grace	Laborer	6/30/48
Ethel M. Hewson	Secretary	10/1/48
M. Kileen Dunlay	Clerk	9/15/48
George K. Lyons	Patrolman	9/25/48
Mary E. Ayers	Librarian	9/ 1/49
Michael Fahey	Laborer	7/31/50
Emily N. Osgood	Clerk	12/1/50
Elsie M. Ashmead	School Nurse	1/1/51
Julia A. Sullivan, beneficiary of Julian T. Sullivan	Working Foreman	2/21/51
Clifton E. Bain	Fireman	11/8/51
Charles E. Van Riper	Senior Custodian	11/28/51
Fred C. Solberg	Laborer	2/29/52
Margaret M. Welch	Clerk	5/31/52
Harvey L. McGillley	Laborer	6/2/52
Paul W. Watson	Fireman	9/30/52
Janette K. Graham	Bookkeeper	2/6/53
Mary E. Donovan, beneficiary of Edward J. Donovan	City Auditor	6/30/53
Astrid J. Abrahamson	Cafeteria Helper	7/14/53
Harry P. Lord	Laborer	1/9/54
Martin J. Armstrong	Working Foreman	2/27/54
Robert B. Toomey	Firefighter	4/3/54
Harry Leary	Laborer	4/9/54
William Damory	Tree Foreman	5/7/54
Wesley H. Murray	Sealer W. & M.	5/31/54
James R. Findlay	Foreman	9/15/54
Genevieve C. Walden, beneficiary of Henry C. Walden	Lineman	10/1/54
Helen Coye, beneficiary of Francis L. Coye	Laborer	12/26/54
George A. LeFave	"	4/22/55
Frank Gilmartin	"	10/31/55

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 1955

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Membership, December 31, 1954	302
Enrolled during 1955	22
Total	<u>324</u>

Deduct; ceased by:

Death	2	
Withdrawal	22	
Retirement	2	
Transferred to Inactive	<u>1</u>	<u>27</u>

Active Membership, December 31, 1955	<u>297</u>
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INACTIVE MEMBERS

Inactive Membership, December 31, 1954	54
Retirements and transfers	<u>3</u>

Inactive Membership, December 31, 1955	<u>57</u>
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Total Active and Inactive Membership, December 31, 1955	354
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT EARNINGS DURING 1955

Gross Interest	\$ 17,045.75
Less: Net Decrease by Amortization	<u>173.44</u>

\$ 16,872.31

Plus: Net Increase in Accrued Interest	<u>194.75</u>
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Total Earnings	\$ 17,067.06
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Total Interest required to maintain
funds of System in accordance
with law

11,168.74

Surplus	<u>\$ 5,898.32</u>
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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

CITY OF MELROSE

Year Ending December 31, 1955

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Showing Total Enrollment by Ages and Grades as of October 1, 1955

Age	Spec.	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pt	Total
4 to 5 yrs.		89														89
5 to 6 yrs.		407	76													483
6 to 7 yrs.		2	314	91												407
7 to 8 yrs.	1		23	324	79											427
8 to 9 yrs.	1		3	26	353	91										474
9 to 10 yrs.	4			3	36	287	84									414
10 to 11 yrs.	4			1	34	273	79									391
11 to 12 yrs.	2				3	42	213	106	1							366
12 to 13 yrs.	3					8	37	236	113							397
13 to 14 yrs.	3						5	35	218	94	1					356
14 to 15 yrs.	5						2	8	30	227	90	1				363
15 to 16 yrs.	7							1	6	37	175	89	1			316
16 to 17 yrs.										10	36	157	84			287
17 to 18 yrs.										1	9	34	119	1		194
18 to 19 yrs.											1	7	24	1		33
19 to 20 yrs.										1		2	2	1		6
20 to 21 yrs.										1						1
Total	30	1,98	1,116	1,414	4,69	1,115	4,06	3,36	386	368	371	312	290	260	3	5,004

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Showing Enrollment, Attendance, etc., for the School Year Ending June 30, 1955

1. By Schools

School	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of		No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
		Boys	Girls				
High	1167	561	606		1153.31	1091.11	94.63
Coolidge	659	353	306		646.63	600.48	90.28
Franklin	233	110	123		235.69	220.61	93.60
Gooch	230	109	121		228.49	208.80	91.38
Lincoln	512	275	237		498.85	459.79	92.16
Horace Mann	341	165	176		329.06	303.06	92.09
Ripley	165	89	76		163.13	148.92	91.28
Roosevelt	420	203	217		409.25	384.40	93.92
Warren	133	68	65		130.30	115.96	88.99
Washington	445	211	204		401.78	366.34	91.18
Whittier	131	77	54		125.03	114.24	91.70
Winthrop	448	229	219		436.92	395.95	90.62
	1854	2450	2404		4758.44	4406.96	92.67

2. By Grades

Grade	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of		No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
		Boys	Girls				
Post Graduate	5	5	122		4.00	3.38	84.50
Seniors	259	137	149		258.75	244.84	94.62
Juniors	281	132	160		271.57	257.17	94.69
Sophomores	297	137	175		295.61	279.24	94.46
Freshmen	325	150	175		323.38	306.78	94.83
Special	19	9	10		18.09	16.18	89.44
Eighth	352	188	164		353.63	333.16	94.21
Seventh	380	192	188		370.79	347.63	93.75
Sixth	368	201	187		362.93	359.62	93.91
Fifth	340	167	173		336.88	318.36	93.95
Fourth	379	195	184		377.82	352.40	93.27
Third	431	212	219		425.44	395.48	92.95
Second	460	243	217		449.97	412.34	91.63
First	461	239	222		449.88	408.27	90.75
Kindergarten	477	243	234		437.70	375.09	85.69
	4854	2450	2404		4758.44	4406.96	92.67

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Year	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from grammar school
1935-36	2,687	1,426	2,831.15	1,371.61	2,698.33	1,331.57	285	298
1936-37	2,935	1,423	2,872.35	1,371.29	2,715.12	1,313.28	271	325
1937-38	2,923	1,436	2,827.05	1,424.60	2,678.43	1,359.30	321	308
1938-39	2,743	1,522	2,697.30	1,468.37	2,567.96	1,375.61	313	299
1939-40	2,785	1,453	2,732.18	1,429.19	2,612.83	1,363.96	331	286
1940-41	2,702	1,431	2,675.99	1,379.13	2,535.31	1,311.52	302	296
1941-42	2,695	1,392	2,610.29	1,365.20	2,401.33	1,290.64	332	320
1942-43	2,648	1,368	2,569.75	1,219.51	2,371.82	1,168.83	265	335
1943-44	2,516	1,219	2,474.18	1,216.49	2,295.41	1,135.55	288	311
1944-45	2,452	1,220	2,391.13	1,193.39	2,236.73	1,125.37	269	296
1945-46	2,532	1,223	2,447.29	1,175.46	2,287.43	1,106.65	261	325
1946-47	2,486	1,237	2,419.63	1,203.70	2,259.02	1,139.01	265	247
1947-48	2,485	1,159	2,419.45	1,133.40	2,265.17	1,070.04	283	257
1948-49	2,513	1,094	2,515.75	1,073.86	2,345.14	1,021.50	280	277
1949-50	2,646	1,051	2,500.00	1,037.06	2,427.81	983.04	260	294
1950-51	3,095	1,090	3,066.54	1,048.97	2,751.07	1,001.24	216	274
1951-52	3,200	1,078	3,095.24	1,047.14	2,824.01	985.65	233	271
1952-53	3,366	1,076	3,262.25	1,057.97	3,013.04	1,002.65	224	286
1953-54	3,517	1,154	3,473.74	1,147.91	3,216.28	1,089.08	263	292
1954-55	3,687	1,167	3,605.13	1,153.31	3,318.55	1,091.41	264	333

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Financial Summary - January 1, 1955 - December 31, 1955

	Requested by School Committee	Appropriated by Board of Alder- men	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriations	Expenditures	Balances
Salaries	\$1,079,229.00	1,079,229.00	- 1,324.28	1,077,904.72	1,058,257.27	19,647.45
Other General Expense	11,134.00	11,134.00		11,134.00	10,840.79	293.21
Textbooks & Supplies	59,709.00	59,709.00	+ 308.70	60,017.70	59,891.43	126.27
Plant Maintenance and Operation	126,101.00	126,101.00	+ 1,500.00	127,601.00	127,507.21	93.79
Support of Athletics	14,859.00	14,859.00	+ 4,000.00	18,859.00	18,203.14	655.86
	1,291,032.00	1,291,032.00	4,484.42	1,295,516.42	1,274,699.84	20,816.58
Special Appropriations						
Out of State Travel	350.00	350.00		350.00	345.18	4.82
Adult Education	7,480.00	7,480.00	+ 645.00	8,125.00	7,083.81	1,041.19
Interior Fire Alarms	900.00	900.00		900.00		900.00
Washington School Boilers	17,000.00	17,000.00		17,000.00	9,900.00	7,100.00
	25,730.00	25,730.00	645.00	26,375.00	17,328.99	9,046.01
Carried Over						
High School Lawn and Drain Repair	549.34	549.34		549.34	423.68	125.66
Interior Fire Alarms	1,800.00	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,156.02	643.98
Horace Mann Baseball Diamond	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
High School Driveway	1,800.00	1,800.00		1,800.00		1,800.00
Board Track	6,600.00	6,600.00		6,600.00	6,600.00	
	12,749.34	12,749.34		12,749.34	8,179.70	4,569.64
GRAND TOTAL	1,329,511.34	1,329,511.34	5,129.42	1,334,640.76	1,300,208.53	34,432.23

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Cost per pupil, Average Membership, Fiscal Year 1955

		<u>High</u>	<u>Elementary</u>
General Control	\$	6,697.37	20,092.11
General Control, per pupil		5.74	5.69
Teachers' Salaries		311,845.88	650,212.13
Teachers' Salaries, per pupil		276.05	176.35
Textbooks		4,518.89	8,900.98
Textbooks, per pupil		3.87	2.41
Supplies		17,458.30	28,055.42
Supplies, per pupil		14.96	7.60
Operation of School Plant		32,039.90	99,414.21
Operation of School Plant, per pupil		27.45	26.94
Maintenance of Building and Grounds		14,136.60	11,788.36
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, per pupil		12.11	10.60
New Furniture and Furnishings		1,114.49	11,788.36
New Furniture and Furnishings per pupil		.96	3.20
Other Expense		2,965.45	607.60
Other Expense, per pupil		2.54	.16
Tuition - Vocational and Evening Schools	\$4,317.12		
Transportation	2,209.16		

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

DENTAL REPORT OF HEALTH TEACHER

School Year 1954-1955

Number of individual inspections	3,765
Number of notices sent	1,449
Number of home visits	494
Number of visits to Forsyth	23
Number of restorations	1,020
Number of x-rays	225
Number of surgical cases	50
Number of children treated	197

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUILDINGS Melrose, Massachusetts

<u>Name</u>	<u>When Built</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Whittier	1884	\$ 36,880
Gooch	1886	121,880
Warren	1892	55,550
Franklin	1896	137,220
Lincoln	1896	365,550
Washington	1896	243,880
Coolidge	1897	609,550
Roosevelt	1924	480,770
Ripley	1924	148,000
Winthrop	1926	271,440
High	1933	1,319,220
Horace Mann	1950	403,000

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose (January 1, 1955)	29,239
Number of different pupils enrolled, exclusive of re-enrollment, school year 1954 - 1955	4,854
Number in High School	1,167
Number in Elementary Schools	3,687
Total approved school bills, fiscal year (Support)	\$1,274,699.84
Amount expended for High School, fiscal year 1955 exclusive of General Control	399,385.69
Cost per pupil in High School, based upon average membership, Jan. 1, 1955 - Jan. 1, 1956 (1167)	342.23
Amount expended for Elementary Schools, fiscal year 1955, exclusive of General Control	840,562.45
Cost per pupil in Elementary Schools based upon average membership, Jan. 1, 1955 - Jan. 1, 1956 (3687)	227.98
Amount expended for Tuition (Vocational)	4,317.12
Number of full-time High School teachers, including Principal January 1, 1955	57
Number of full-time Elementary School teachers, including Principals, January 1, 1955	151

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

The report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1955 follows:

	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
Scales	3	151	4
Gasoline Pumps	-	69	-
Oil Trucks	-	-	-
Bulk Plant Meters	-	2	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>4</u>

Trial Weighing and Measures
Commodities sold and put
up for sale

147

Inspections:

Fibre cartons, fuel meters, food in
packages, peddlers and junk licenses

73

Equipment:

In quantity and value, approximately
the same as at the end of 1954

Cost of Department

Salary

Other Expenses

\$1118.61

186.29

\$1304.90

Receipts of Department

Sealing Fees

Licenses

\$173.90

10.00

\$183.90

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar D. Knight

Oscar D. Knight
Sealer

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the following report of the Department of Veterans' Benefits and Services for year ending December 31, 1955:

General Administration Salaries and Wages

Appropriation	
Budget.....	\$ 8,601.90
Expenditures	
Agent's.....	\$ 3,736.42
Clerks'.....	4,430.94
Balance.....	434.54
	\$ 8,601.90 \$ 8,601.90

General Administration Other Expenses

Appropriation	
Budget.....	\$ 1,000.00
Expenditures	
Bills paid.....	968.20
Balance.....	31.80
	\$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

Veterans' Benefits (One-half of State Approvals to be refunded to City)

Appropriation	
Budget.....	\$30,000.00
Additional Appropriation Order #11505.....	8,000.00
Additional Appropriation Order #11505-A.....	2,000.00
Refunds.....	145.03
Expenditures	
Cash (Treasurer's Pay Roll).....	\$38,633.23
Balance.....	1,511.80
	\$40,145.03 \$40,145.03

Veterans' Burials (One-half of State approvals to be refunded to City)

Appropriation	
Budget.....	\$ 150.00
Additional Appropriation Order #11559.....	300.00
Expenditures	
Bills paid.....	300.00
Balance.....	150.00
	\$ 450.00 \$ 450.00

Agent and Director
 Veterans' Benefits and Services

REPORT OF THE WIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor,
and Board of Alderman,
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Wire Department for the year 1955.

Inspection of Wires.

Eleven hundred and sixty-one inspections were made on new work.
Three hundred and eighty inspections were made on oil burners.
One hundred and fifty inspections were made on defects.
Three hundred and twenty-eight permits were made to the Suburban Electric Company allowing current to be turned on.

Fire Alarm System.

Nineteen hundred and eighty inspections of box movements were made.
Five miles of weatherproof wire were pulled.
Two hundred and fifty cross arms were installed.
Eleven new non-interfering succession fire boxes were installed.
All boxes were painted.

Police Signal System.

Three miles of copper weatherproof wire were pulled.
Two hundred and fifty batteries were installed in police boxes.
Two hundred feet of tree molding were installed.
All boxes were painted with a new police blue.
Eighty-eight red lamps were renewed.
Twenty flood lights were renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley A. Riggs

Acting Inspector of Wires

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